

Senate Inquiry into Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Hearing 20 April 2010

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 1

Division/Agency: Sustainable Resource Management Division

Topic: Senate Inquiry into Native Vegetation

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Senator Polley asked:

My understanding is that the ABARE report on native vegetation was circulated to farmers associations in 2003.

Answer:

The 2003 report “Queensland land clearing proposal: socio-economic impact” was prepared by Bureau of Rural Sciences and ABARE for the Australian Government. Queensland AgForce and Queensland Farmers Federation were consulted at the time the report was being developed. The hardcopy report was published in 31 May 2003 and a pdf version was made available on the ABARE electronic shop website on 31 October 2006.

Question: 2

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Senator Polley asked:

I ask each of the departments to respond on whether or not any actions of the Rudd government change the way farmers can use their land.

Answer:

Since the Rudd Government was elected, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has not taken any actions in relation to climate change, agricultural production or sustainability, including native vegetation management, that change the way farmers can use their land.

Please provide an estimation of hours spent on QON response for each officer involved.

Officer	DAFF Level	Hours spent on QON response
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B	EL2	0.2
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