

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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QUESTION No.: SI-73

How often does NOPSEMA require extra time to seriously assess the potential impacts of a proposal?

ANSWER

In accordance with NOPSEMA's published assessment policy there are a number of reasons that NOPSEMA may require additional time to assess a proposal.

Average timeframes for assessment of environment plans for different activity types are published on NOPSEMA's website.

Since 1 January 2012, NOPSEMA has assessed 334 environment plans (297 completed, 17 still under assessment, 20 recalled/returned). Of the 297 environment plans submitted, assessed and completed, 39 have been accepted within the initial 30 day decision making period. The remainder were subject to one or more instances of additional time being required for assessment. Thirteen of the 297 environment plans were ultimately refused acceptance.