

## Questions under business rule 6.3

### 1. Land sale ordinances

Mr Peter M.G. Young asked the following question –

What (briefly) were the circumstances surrounding the seven land sale ordinances passed by Standing Committee since 31 October 2016?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answer is as follows –

The 7 land sales since 31 October 2016 concerned the parishes of –

Brighton/Rockdale,  
Dural District,  
Camden,  
Huskisson,  
St Ives,  
Watsons Bay, and  
St Andrew's Cathedral.

In summary, the reasons for the sale of land were:

- selling a residence to purchase a replacement residence, and
- selling land to purchase other land or undertake developments where strategic opportunities have arisen, such as acquiring land adjoining an existing church site or a new site for ministry use.

Summaries of the circumstances surrounding each of the 7 land sales are as follows –

The *Brighton/Rockdale Land Sale Ordinance 2016* authorised the sale of the land known as 431-431A Princes Highway Rockdale, being the site of St John's church and hall. The land was proposed to be sold to allow acquisition of space within a proposed development which would secure a 'fit for purpose' building in the Rockdale area which will provide new ministry opportunities.

The *Dural District Land Sale Ordinance 2016* authorised the sale of the land known as 5 St Jude's Terrace Dural, being the site of a residence. The proposal arose from the adjoining lot to the parish coming onto the market and the parish's desire to purchase the land. Following this, the rectory would be sold and a new rectory built on a different plot of land held on trust for the parish.

The *Camden Land Sale Ordinance 2017* authorised the sale of the land known as 22 Menangle Road Camden being the site of a rectory, and the land known as 22 Menangle Road Camden being the site of a vacant plot, and the land known as 43 Alpha Road Camden and the site of a residence. The sale was proposed for a number of reasons – the current rectory would require a sum in excess of \$1,000,000 to be brought to a satisfactory standard for a rectory and the vacant paddock is a large sloping block that would be difficult to develop and is currently under-utilised. The sale proceeds will be used to build a new 400 seat Worship Centre to better provide for the mission of the Parish.

The *Huskisson Land Sale Ordinance 2017* authorised the sale of the land known as 17 Hawke Street Huskisson being the site of Holy Trinity Church, a hall and rectory and the land at Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point being the site of St Peters Sanctuary Point. This ordinance is one part of a complex plan to build a new multi-purpose church centre, requiring the sale of the current 2 church sites, purchase of a new site, and the construction of a church, together with the potential purchase of a rectory.