

CONSERVATION ESTATE

455. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Western Australia's conservation estate.

- (1) What is the current size of the conservation estate by category of —
 - (a) national parks;
 - (b) conservation parks;
 - (c) nature reserves;
 - (d) marine parks;
 - (e) marine nature reserves;
 - (f) marine management areas; and
 - (g) reserves managed under section 5(1)(g) and (h) of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984?
- (2) For the financial years 2019–20 and 2020–21, what levels of capital and recurrent funding were provided to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to manage each of the categories in paragraphs (a)–(g) inclusive?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) At 30 June 2021, the area for each category is —
 - (a) national parks, 6 449 679 hectares;
 - (b) conservation parks, 1 154 192 hectares;
 - (c) nature reserves, 10 088 170 hectares;
 - (d) marine parks, 4 424 469 hectares;
 - (e) marine nature reserves, 132 000 hectares;
 - (f) marine management areas, 143 385 hectares;
 - (g) reserves managed under section 5(1)(g) and (h) of the CALM Act 1984, 1 081 536 hectares.
- (2) I have been advised by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions that to answer this question requires significant time and resources, and I ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.