

ENVIRONMENT — *PHYTOPHTHORA* DIEBACK

971. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the impact of *Phytophthora* dieback, and I ask:

- (a) How much funding has been allocated each financial year since 2017–18 to address this issue:
- (i) Can you provide details outlining the name of the program(s) funded and the amount provided over each year of funding?

**Mr R.R. Whitby replied:**

(a)

Financial year	Budget allocated \$'000
2017–18	1321
2018–19	1301
2019–20	1277
2020–21	1298
2021–22	1208
2022–23	1261
2023–24	1368

- (i) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) undertakes its responsibilities to reduce the impact of dieback on DBCA-managed lands in accordance with Corporate Policy Statement 3 – Management of *Phytophthora* Disease. DBCA prioritises areas for management according to the biodiversity values present to minimise impacts. Activities funded through the *Phytophthora* dieback management program include mapping operations, vegetation health services and phosphite application, together with ongoing research and monitoring, community engagement and education activities. DBCA provides industry and government with dieback diagnostic services, maintaining an internationally recognised collection and database of *Phytophthora* isolates, provides Green Card training on dieback awareness and management, and dieback interpretation services.