

ENVIRONMENT, BUDGET FOR NEW WORKS

169. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:

Will the minister provide a breakdown of planned expenditure on the following new works on page 270 of the 2000-01 budget papers -

- (a) the \$700 000 conservation land acquisition;
- (b) the \$2.7m Gascoyne Murchison Strategy;
- (c) the \$1.6m improvements to tourism facilities;
- (d) the \$1.32m on the Gnangara Park development; and
- (e) the \$2m tourism road improvement program?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a) These funds will be used for purchases of high priority conservation lands, outside of the Gascoyne-Murchison region, for addition to the reserve system.
- (b) These funds will be used for purchases of high priority conservation lands in the Gascoyne-Murchison region.
- (c) Requests from region are currently being assessed and prioritised for the allocation of \$1.6m.
- (d) The allocation is \$.3m 2000-01; \$.6m in 2001-02; \$0.17m in 2002-03 and \$.25m in 2003-04. The 2000-01 allocation is shown in the tabled paper.
- (e) [See paper No 131.]