

WELLINGTON DAM NATIONAL PARK, FUNDING

170. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to Recoup of cost of land acquisition at Wellington Dam on page 252 of the 2000-01 budget papers and ask-

- (a) why is this funding not allocated until 2001-02;
- (b) when will the Wellington Dam National Park be gazetted; and
- (c) has any funding been allocated for managing the park, and if so how much?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a) The purchase of the land was effected on 16 June 2000.
- (b) The land was vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority on the 6 July 2000.
- (c) Initial management funding will be drawn from the \$250 000 allocation. Additional costs will be integrated into land management costs for fire control etc of associated CALM estate. Under the Regional Forest Agreement \$1.0 million has been allocated to develop infrastructure and manage the park.