

REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT, COST OF NEW NATIONAL PARKS

171. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to dot point 4 under major initiatives for 2000-01, creation and commencement of management - including management planning - of the 12 national parks as committed under the RFA, on page 260 of the 2000-01 budget papers and ask -

- (a) what is the expected cost of -
 - (i) creating; and
 - (ii) managing,each of the 12 new national parks;
- (b) what is the per hectare cost of -
 - (i) creating; and
 - (ii) managing,these 12 new parks;
- (c) how much additional funding has been allocated in the 2000-01 budget for these new parks; and
- (d) where is this additional funding shown in the budget papers?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a)-(b) Costs are still to be calculated and will depend on management planning outcomes.
- (c) \$250 000 has been allocated in 2000-01 primarily for planning purposes.
- (d) Page 252, table on budget estimates.