

REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT, COST OF NEW NATIONAL PARKS

173. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to management of the expanded national parks estate on page 252 of the 2000-01 budget papers and ask -

- (a) what is the average cost per hectare of managing these new national parks; and
- (b) how much of this funding will be spent on each new national park in each of the next four financial years?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a) Costs are still to be calculated depending on management planning outcomes.
- (b) \$250 000 for planning. These areas are already “managed” as forest, that is fire control etc. Page 252 table on budget estimates and page 259 in total cost of output \$33 755 000.