



ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Question No. 1: Hon Stephen Dawson MLC asked –

In reference to Budget Paper 2, Page 645, Service Area 3. Conservation Partnerships:

(1) What will be the Department's budget for the Land for Wildlife program in 2015/16 or will it cease completely?

Answer:

The Department's budget for 2015/16 is proposed to be \$126,729.

(2) Who will the regional partnership agreements be with to allow the Land for Wildlife program to viably continue past 1 July 2015?

Answer:

No regional partnerships have been entered into yet for the operation of the Land for Wildlife program. Discussions are being held with Natural Resource Management regional organisations that have indicated a willingness to work with the Department in respect to the continued delivery of the program.

(3) What arrangements are being made to service the 2,000 plus members and to cater for new members, while the new program coordinator is being replaced and the program moves to a new delivery model?

Answer:

The Department has assigned an officer to maintain the Land for Wildlife registrant database and communicate with registrants. New applicants are being advised that their application will be held pending the appointment of the new coordinator and development of the revised delivery model. The appointment process for the new coordinator is well advanced.

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Question No. 2: Hon Stephen Dawson MLC asked –

In reference to Budget Paper 2, Page 645, Service Area 3. Conservation Partnerships:

(1) What is the 2015/16 budget allocation for each of the six Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments? (Lake Warden, Lake Bryde, Toolibin Lake, Muir-Unicup, Buntine-Marchagee and Drummond.)

Answer:

The 2015-16 budget allocation in Department of Parks and Wildlife for the six Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments is:

- Lake Bryde \$430,000
- Toolibin Lake \$360,000
- Drummond \$30,000
- Lake Warden \$13,000

No direct budget allocation has been made for Muir-Unicup and Buntine-Marchagee.

The Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments are supported by coordinated hydrological monitoring and management planning. The budget allocation for these activities in 2015-16 is \$480,000.

(2) What is the difference between the 2014/15 and 2015/16 Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment budget allocation?

Answer:

There is no difference between the 2014-15 and 2015-16 direct budget allocation for the Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments.

The budget allocation for coordinated hydrological monitoring and management planning to support Natural Diversity Recovery Catchments is \$500,000 less than it was in 2014-15 due to reduction in requirement for hydrological monitoring and finalisation of management plans.

(3) How many and which natural diversity recovery catchments will remain in 2015/16?

Answer:

All six natural diversity recovery catchments remain in place with a range of activities undertaken by Natural Resource Management and community groups. Business plans were produced for all catchments, and management plans to guide catchment management activity have been produced for Drummond, Toolibin Lake, Lake Bryde, and Buntine-Marchagee.