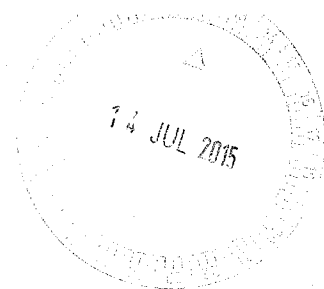


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Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A1: Hon R Mazza asked –

I refer to page 642 "Parks for People Caravan and Camping Initiative". Could I get a list of the current camp sites in Western Australia.

Answer:

A list of campgrounds directly managed by Department of Parks and Wildlife follows. Those with an asterisk* are included in the "Parks for People Caravan and Camping Initiative".

Goldfields

Kalgoorlie

Boondi Rock Campground
Burra Rock
Cave Hill
*Credo Homestead
Goongarrie Homestead Area
Jaurdi Homestead
Lake Mason Homestead
Lorna Glen And Earraheedy
Mt Elvire Homestead
Plumridge Lake Nature Reserve
Queen Victoria Spring Nature Reserve
Rowles Lagoon
Thursday Rock
Victoria Rock
Wallaroo Rock Conservation Park
Wanjarri Field Study Centre
Yeo Lake Homestead

Kimberley

East Kimberley

Kurrajong Campground - Purnululu
Mitchell Falls Campground
Munurru Campground
Walardi Campground
Wolfe Creek Crater

West Kimberley

Silent Grove Campground
Windjana Gorge Campground

Midwest

Geraldton

Boiada Hill Camp
Breakaway Campground
Doolgunna Homestead Complex
*Miners Campground
Muggon Homestead Complex
Temple Gorge
Thundelarra Homestead Complex
Woolgorong Homestead Complex

Shark Bay

*Big Lagoon
Bottle Bay
Dampiers Landing/Sammys Well
False Entrance
Gregories
Herald Bight
Louisa Bay
Notch Point
Quoin Head
Sandy Point
Shelter Bay
South Gregories
Steep Point
Urchin Point
Urchin Point Campground
West Point/The Block Campground

Pilbara

Exmouth

Boat Harbour
Bungarra
Kurrajong Campground
Mesa Campground
Neds Campground And Day Use Area
North Kurrajong Campground
North Mandu Campground
One K Campground
*Osprey Bay
T-Bone North
Tulki Beach
Yardie Creek Campground

Karratha

Angel Island
Collier Rocks
Dales Gorge Campground
Dales Gorge Overflow Campground
Delambre Island
Desert Queen Baths
Dolphin Island
Eaglehawk Island

East Lewis Island
Enderby Island
George River 4wd Track
Gidley Island
Hermite Island
Malus Island
*Miliyanha Campground
Rudall River Crossing
*Stargazers Campground
West Lewis Island

South Coast

Albany

Bibbulmun Track Section 06 - 67_Nullaki Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 06 - 68_West Cape Howe Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 06 - 69_Torbay Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 06 - 71_Muttonbird Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 06 - 72_Sandpatch Camp Site
Four Mile Campground
Moingup Springs
Shelley Beach
St Mary Inlet
Waychinicup Inlet Camping Area

Esperance

Benwenerup Campground
Cape Le Grand Campground
Fanny Cove
Jorndee Creek
*Lucky Bay Campground
Mt Ragged Campground
Peak Charles Campground
Seal Creek Campground
Shoal Cape
Skippy Rock Campground - Stokes
Thomas Fishery
Thomas River Campground

South West

Blackwood

Barrabup Campground
Bibbulmun Track Section 03 - 35_Noggerup Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 03 - 36_Grimwade Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 03 - 38_Blackwood Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 03 - 39_Gregory Brook Camp Site
*Boranup Campground
Canebrake Pool
Cape To Cape Trail Section 02 - Mt Duckworth Camp Site
Cape To Cape Trail Section 05 - Moses Rock Camp Site
Cape To Cape Trail Section 07 - Ellensbrook Camp Site
Cape To Cape Trail Section 11 - Deepdene Camp Site
*Conto Campground
Munda Bididi Trail Section 03 - 16_Nala Mia Camp Site

Old Timberline Trail
Point Road Campground
Sues Bridge
Warner Glen Recreation Area
Workmans Pool
Wrights Bridge

Wellington

Belvidere Campground
Bibbulmun Track Section 02 - 27_Possum Springs Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 02 - 28_Yourdamung Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 02 - 29_Harris Dam Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 02 - 31_Yabberup Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 02 - 32_Lyalls Mill - Group Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 02 - 33_Arcadia - Group Camp Site
Brockman Campground
Glen Mervyn Dam
Hoffman Mill
Honeymoon Pool - Stones Brook Campground
Honeymoon Pool - Gelcoat Campground
Honeymoon Pool Campground
*Logue Brook Campground
Munda Biddi Trail Section 02 - 11_Yarri Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 02 - 14_Nglang Boodja Camp Site
*Potters Gorge
Saddleback Campground
Stockton Campground
The Cut
The Rock Campground

Swan

Perth Hills

Baden Powell Campground
Bald Hill Campground
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 02_Hewetts Hill Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 04_Ball Creek Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 05_Helena Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 06_Waalegh Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 07_Beraking Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 08_Mt Dale Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 09_Brookton Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 11_Canning Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 12_Monadnocks Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 14_Mt Cooke Group Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 15_Mt Cooke Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 16_Nerang Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 17_Gringer Creek Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 19_White Horse Hills Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 20_Mt Wells Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 21_Chadoora Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 23_Swamp Oak Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 24_Murray Camp Site

Bibbulmun Track Section 01 - 25_Dookanelly Camp Site
Ces Barrow Campground
Charlies Flat
Chuditch Campground
Drummonds Campground
Homestead Campground
Marrinup Townsite
Munda Biddi Trail Section 01 - 02_Carinyah Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 01 - 05_Wungong Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 01 - 06_Dandalup Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 01 - 08_Bidjar Ngoulin Camp Site
*Nanga Brook
Nanga Mill
Nanga Townsite
Perth Hills Centre And Campground
Sappers Campground
Stringers
Thirty Seven Mile Break Campground
Tonys Bend
Valley Campground
Walyunga National Park Camp Site
Yarragil Campground

Swan Coastal

Coastal Plain Walk Trail
Martins Tank Campground

Warren

Donnelly

Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 41_Tom Road Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 42_Boarding House Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 43_Beavis Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 45_Beedelup Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 47_Warren Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 48_Schafer Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 50_Gardner Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 51_Maringup Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 04 - 52_Dog Pool Camp Site
Big Brook Arboretum And Campsite
*Black Point Campground (Humpback Hollow and Seal Cove)
Draftys Campground
Gardner River Mouth Huts – Squatters
Grass Tree Hollow - Carey Brook
Lake Jasper
Leaning Marri Campground
Munda Biddi Trail Section 04 - 20_Karta Burnu Camp Site
*Shannon Campground
Snottygobble Loop - Carey Brook
Warren Campground

Frankland

Aldridge Cove
*Banksia Camp

Banksia Camp West Firebreak Track Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 54_Mt Chance Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 55_Woolbales Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 56_Long Point Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 57_Mt Clare Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 59_Frankland River Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 61_Giants Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 62_Rame Head Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section 05 - 64_Boat Harbour Camp Site
Bibbulmun Track Section-05 - 65_William Bay Camp Site
Broke Inlet - Coalpoint Camp 01
Broke Inlet - Coalpoint Camp 02
Broke Inlet - Mouth Area Camp
Broke Inlet - South Shore Camp
Broke Inlet - Southwest Shore Camp
Centre Road Crossing
Crystal Springs
Fernhook Falls
Kannys Hut
Little Long Point
Munda Biddi Trail Section 05 - 25_Yirra Kartta Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 05 - 26_Kwokralup Beela Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 05 - 29_Booner Mundak Camp Site
Munda Biddi Trail Section 05 - 31_Jinung Beigabup Camp Site
Thompson Cove

Wheatbelt

Great Southern

Congelin Campground

*Gnaala Mia (previously called Koongk-a-maya) Campground

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Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A2: Hon S Dawson asked –

I refer to “Services and Key Efficiency Indicators” on page 645 and the third item “Conservation Partnerships”. What is the cost per hectare of managing the Land for Wildlife program compared to the cost per hectare of managing the conservation reserve system for 2014-15?

Answer:

In 2014/15 the budgeted investment by the Department of Parks and Wildlife for managing the Land for Wildlife program was \$475,639. As at 30 June 2015, 284,473 hectares were registered as Land for Wildlife sites and regarded as bushland being managed for wildlife. The cost per hectare for the departmental component of the Land for Wildlife program in 2014/15 was thus \$1.67 per hectare. This does not include costs incurred by landholders in managing the land.

For 2014/15 the Department’s estimated efficiency indicator of average cost per hectare of managing wildlife habitat is \$2.66 per hectare. This includes a range of specific and landscape scale management activity according to the conservation value of the land, and includes intensive management of high value conservation assets.

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Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A3: Hon S Dawson asked –

I refer to Services and Key Efficiency Indicators on page 645. How many positions did the department have vacant at 1 June 2015 and in what areas were they vacant?

Answer:

Twenty-five positions were vacant in the following areas:

Goldfields Region	1
Midwest Region	3
South Coast Region	1
South West Region	5
Swan Region	3
Warren Region	5
Perth	7

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Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A4: Hon S Talbot asked –

I refer to page 646 and service 4 “Forest Management Plan Implementation”. You have stated that 13 FTEs is the number of staff engaged in science research work associated with forest management. Could you please provide the comparative figures for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Answer:

The Department of Parks and Wildlife currently has 12.7 FTEs engaged in science research work associated with forest management for 2015/16. There were 14.35 FTEs engaged in science research work associated with forest management in 2014/15 and 17.5 FTEs in 2013/14.

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Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A5: Hon D Faragher asked –

I refer to page 648, under “New Works”. Could I get a list of the proposed parks that would get some improvements, including the nature of the improvements for this financial and the period of the forwards estimates.

Answer:

The Department manages three improvement programs involving parks:

- Park Improvement
- Tourism Road Improvement
- Gngangara Park Development

Within the Park Improvement and Tourism Road Improvement programs there are Statewide or regional projects as well as park specific projects.

A summary of the 2015/16 \$3.35 million Park Improvement program by park or area is provided at Attachment 1.

A summary of the 2015/16 \$1.455 million Tourism Road Improvement program by park or area is provided at Attachment 2.

A summary of the 2015/16 \$400,000 Gngangara Park Development program is provided at Attachment 3.

The Department has a rolling park improvement program that draws projects from a list of capital works projects that have been developed for each region. Many of these projects roll over several years. This list is reviewed annually and using assessment criteria the annual program is developed. However, events such as bushfires or floods may require changes to the annual works program. Such criteria include alignment with government and department commitments; provide sustainable tourism and recreation opportunities and experiences; mitigate visitor risk; enhance visitor understanding, appreciation and support; protect biodiversity values; address environmental degradation; and increase revenue base.

The list of major projects to be undertaken under the Tourism Road Improvement program over the out years includes:

- Geikie Gorge National Park – Access road upgrade stage 2 – Estimated cost \$800,000
- Lesueur National Park – Reseal scenic drive – Estimated cost \$200,000

- Nambung National park – Reseal access road – Estimated cost \$300,000
- Yanchep National Park – Construct new access road – Estimated cost \$900,000
- John Forrest National Park – Reseal final section of Park Road stage 3 - Estimated cost \$250,000

The list of major projects to be undertaken under the Park Improvement program over the out years includes:

- Kalbarri National Park – New skywalk and kiosk and road upgrades
- Purnululu National Park – New senior rangers house
- Purnululu National Park – New camp kitchens
- Karijini National Park – Gorge access visitor risk mitigation works
- Ningaloo coast – Visitor facilities and road upgrades
- Nambung National Park – Pinnacles Discovery Centre commercial improvements
- Stirling Range National Park – New senior rangers house
- William Bay National Park – Visitor facilities and road upgrades
- Bramley National Park – Mountain bike trail developments
- Wellington National Park – Mountain bike trails development
- Lane Poole Reserve – Mountain bike trail developments
- Lane Poole Reserve – Baden Powell picnic area redevelopment
- Bibbulmun Track – Murray River bridge
- D'Entrecasteaux National park – Black Point recreation area redevelopment
- Valley of the Giants – Tree Top Walk revitalisation

Attachment 1: 2015/16 Park Improvement Program

Region	Location	Title and Description	Current Allocation
Kimberley	Purnululu National Park	Remote parks housing – Provide new 3x2 new house for senior ranger to be funded over two years.	\$250,000
Kimberley	King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park	Bell Gorge carpark upgrade – Redevelopment and expand car park area to improve traffic control and flow. Funding to supplement RfR Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy funds for project.	\$150,000
Midwest	Kalbarri National Park	New skywalk and kiosk and road upgrades – Engage architect to progress design of skywalk & kiosk. Engage civil engineer to progress design for roads. Anticipate RfR funds being allocated to do infrastructure and road works. Funding to supplement RfR funds for project.	\$50,000
Midwest	Nambung National Park	Pinnacles Discovery Centre Improvements – Implement strategies to encourage increased visitation to the PDD and improve cost recovery and visitor experience.	\$75,000
Midwest	Monkey Mia Conservation Park	Monkey Mia centre refurbishment works – Remove identified VRM risks at MM associated with the visitor centre boardwalk; relocate the MM shop to increase revenue and to complete the MM walk trail by finalising the boardwalk/staircase.	\$75,000
Pilbara	Karijini National Park	Dales Gorge visitor risk management works – Improve safety and aesthetics of lower walk trail to falls; provide universal access to lookout area from car park; provide new elevated lookout at current informal lookout.	\$350,000
South Coast	Torndirrup National Park	Park Infrastructure Upgrade – Undertake improvements to park infrastructure at the Torndirrup National Park Gap/Natural Bridge Visitor Focus Area. Funding to supplement RfR funds for project.	\$650,000
South Coast	Stirling Range National Park	Remote park housing – Engage surveyor to do feature survey and services plan to plan for new ranger house at Bluff Knoll.	\$50,000
Swan	John Forrest National Park	Picnic area pedestrian bridges replacement – Replace at least two of the five pedestrian bridges in the picnic area.	\$160,000
Swan	John Forrest National Park	Sign plan – Develop sign pan and implement for the park (stage 1).	\$50,000
Swan	John Forrest National Park	Engage surveyor to do feature survey of commercial precinct and picnic area to support future planning of area.	\$15,000
Swan	Rockingham Lakes Regional Park	Point Peron precinct design work – Engage engineer to prepare design for replace / upgrade of limestone seawall on north side of Cape Peron to protect bitumen dual use path / emergency access road from further damage and to allow for continued and safe access.	\$50,000
Swan	Penguin Island Conservation Park	Penguin Island Jetty Boardwalk Replacement – Replace boardwalk section 120 lineal metres from jetty to connecting boardwalk, identified in structural engineers report.	\$125,000

Warren	Valley of the Giants	Tree Top Walk revitalization – Engage architect to commence detailed design of new and renovated buildings. This project will require the input of some specialist design and shire approvals.	\$50,000
Warren	Walpole-Nornalup National Park	Walpole town jetty replacement and boat ramp upgrade –Replace jetty and boat ramp with a piled floating jetty, providing universal access, and two concrete boat ramps.	\$50,000
Warren	William Bay National Park	Recreation Master Plan implementation: Stage 1 – Prepare facilities design work for Green Pool and other recreation sites.	\$25,000
Wheatbelt	Dryandra Woodland	Gnaala Mia new campground – Finalise development of new Gnaala Mia camping area to increase available camping facilities and ease current visitation pressures on the Congelin campground.	\$55,000
Statewide	Statewide	Remote parks ranger housing program – Assess remote park houses across the state and, where required, prepare designs for new or refurbished houses.	\$25,000
Statewide	Statewide	Volunteer support – Provide further support for volunteer projects around the State. Enables adoption of the Volgistics volunteer management system.	\$25,000
Statewide	Statewide	Employ three project managers to assist districts and regions to plan and complete capital works projects.	\$270,000
Statewide	Swan, South West, Warren and South Coast Regions	Undertake improvements of long trails (trails crossing multiple District/Regional boundaries) including the Bibbulmun Track, Munda Biddi Trail and Cape to Cape Track. Engage engineer to prepare detailed design of bridge to replace Long Gully bridge.	\$200,000
Statewide	Statewide	Fund the preparation of recreation planning and design and architectural drafting for capital works facilities and roads.	\$110,000
Statewide	Statewide	Parks website development – Provide upgrades to ExploreParks and ParkStay websites. Develop pre-visit and on-site visitor information and interpretation including web-based and smart phone applications	\$100,000
Statewide	South West Regions	Mountain bike partnerships – Provide planning and support for mountain bike trail development in south west.	\$50,000
Statewide	Various national parks	Naturebank and commercial opportunities – Progress planning, design and approvals for potential Naturebank sites and other commercial opportunities at various locations.	\$50,000
Statewide	Statewide	Fund Interpretation services for the preparation of sign and interpretive plans to carry out interpretation projects for the regions and parks.	\$100,000
Statewide	Statewide	Coordination capital works – Coordinate the capital works park improvement program and tourism road improvement program across WA.	\$155,000
Statewide	Statewide	Capital Contingency – Contingency funding to cover unforeseen and unexpected project costs of capital projects.	\$35,000

Attachment 2: 2015/16 Tourism Road Improvement Program

Region /	Location	Title and Description	Current Allocation
Kimberley	Geikie Gorge National Park	Access road repairs and upgrade – Stage 1 works to repair to three major floodways and undertake other drainage works. Stage 2 works (2016/17) to reseal and repair edges of access road.	\$800,000
Swan	John Forrest National Park	Park Road 2 reseal works – Reseal access road and two car parks in picnic area.	\$175,000
Warren	William Bay National Park	Green Pool and Elephant Rocks car park design – Engage engineer to develop designs for new car park.	\$25,000
Statewide	Statewide	Continue development of the State-wide road classification, road inventory and road risk assessment system.	\$190,000
Statewide	Statewide	Road inspections and assessments – Engage a contractor to undertake road inspections and assessment for regions and based on 5-year rolling program (Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest, Wheatbelt, Goldfields).	\$75,000
Statewide	Statewide	Four-wheel drive and trail bike partnerships - Maintain and improvement of 4WD and Trail bike facilities via partnerships with the 4WD and Trailbike communities.	\$50,000
Statewide	Statewide	Capital Roads Contingency - Contingency funding to cover unforeseen and unexpected project costs of road management	\$140,000

Attachment 3: 2015/16 Gnangara Park Development Program

Region	Location	Location - Title - Description	Current Allocation
Swan	Gnangara Park	Park Management and Rubbish removal — Continue to undertake management programs to ensure the park is kept to a safe and acceptable standard for visitors, ORV users and commercial operators utilising the park. Continue to remove rubbish from illegal dumping to ensure the park is kept to a safe and acceptable standard for visitors	\$90,000
Swan	Gnangara Park	Nature Conservation Works – Continue to undertake nature conservation protection works such as fencing and revegetation.	\$75,000
Swan	Gnangara Park	Park Risk management & Trails – Continue to undertake management programs to ensure the park is kept to a safe and acceptable standard for visitors.	\$25,000
Swan	Gnangara Park	Pinjar Off Road Vehicle Area Development – Continue to develop and maintain trails and facilities in this area.	\$180,000
Swan	Gnangara Park	Wilbinga planning and design – Continue to undertake planning and design to address visitor management issues.	\$30,000

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Supplementary Information Number A6: Hon A Farina asked –

I refer to the total appropriations listed on page 641. In whose ownership do lots 881, 882 and 883 Koombana Drive currently sit?

Answer:

Lots 881, 882 and 883 Koombana Drive are reserves managed by the City of Bunbury.

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Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A7: Hon S Talbot asked –

I refer the item “Biodiversity Audit and Hydrological Monitoring, Off-Reserve Conservation” on page 641. How many staff in DPaW and other agencies were involved in the biodiversity audit and what has been the cost of doing the 2013 audit to date?

Answer:

Biodiversity Audit II was carried out over 2013 and 2014, with further database development in 2015. There have been three staff from Department of Parks and Wildlife primarily involved in the audit with an average of two FTE per year. There were 110 staff (107 from Parks and Wildlife and three from other agencies) that contributed expert information at workshops conducted at various stages through 2013 and 2014. The time investment for these staff individually was relatively low. The audit was supported by GIS and database development with up to 12 staff involved for small amounts of time. The estimated cost of undertaking the audit for the core staff and database development is \$571,635.

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Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A8: Hon S Dawson asked –

I refer to page 645 and the service area through conservation partnerships, and I ask that given that the department's mallee industry research and development program is ceasing in June 2015, what was the FTE number of staff involved or working on program and therefore will not be there anymore?

Answer:

In the mallee research and development program in 2014-15, there were 3.5 staff employed on internal funds and 1.3 staff employed on external funds.

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Thursday, 25 June 2015

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Supplementary Information Number A9: Hon K Travers asked –

How much does the Forest Products Commission give the department each year for fire suppression, and how much does that reduce by each year because the area they have pines on is reduced?

Answer:

The annual amount paid by the Forest Products Commission (FPC) to the Department of Parks and Wildlife for fire suppression is based on the level of expenditure incurred by the Department in the suppression of bushfires on or threatening FPC plantations.

The Department invoices FPC to recoup these costs and the annual amount varies based on the number and size (hectares) of such bushfires that occur.