

PORT KENNEDY RESORT DEVELOPMENT, COSTS

220. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to Question on Notice No. 117 of Tuesday, July 31 2001 -

- (1) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$17585 salaried costs with hours, other on-costs and how they were allocated?
- (2) Will the Minister give a breakdown of the \$2710 vehicle running costs for facility maintenance?
- (3) Will the Minister specify how the \$6756 dedicated to fire vehicle lease costs was spent?
- (4) The Port Kennedy Resort Developers donated two fire vehicles, one to CALM and one to Fire and Emergency Services (FES). Will the Minister explain where this CALM vehicle is housed, for what periods, and who operates this vehicle?
- (5) Will the Minister explain why is it was necessary to lease a fire vehicle if one was donated to CALM, and one to FES?
- (6) Will the Minister indicate whether the Interpretive Shelter and Panels had been installed by the end of August, as promised, and if so, on which date?
- (7) Will the Minister provide a map or otherwise identify the locations of these signs?
- (8) Will the Minister provide a map or identify what fences installed by the LCDC are patrolled and maintained?
- (9) Will the Minister identify any fences that have not been maintained or have been removed from the site and give reasons why?
- (10) Will the Minister explain where the *Port Kennedy Development Agreement Act 1992* requires the developer to provide the final three kilometres of fencing to agreed standards?
- (11) Will the Minister explain what has been done to get the previous developers to replace the section of fence built by them, which was substandard?
- (12) Will the Minister indicate whether the inaction on pursuing the previous developers to replace the substandard section of fence now places a financial burden on CALM?
- (13) Is the Minister and CALM aware of the federal conditions requiring the feral-baiting program previously carried out by the LCDC to be continued?
- (14) Will the Minister detail the liabilities that federal conditions have on either the State Government or to CALM?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

1. The breakdown of the \$17,585 salary costs is as follows:

	Officer Hours	Salary \$	Salary Overhead \$
Weed management	4	67.47	23.62
Rehabilitation	138.2	2331.75	818.02
Community involvement	64.9	1094.99	381.24
Threatened flora management	81	1621.43	587.02
Public information/interpretation	99.2	1676.49	584.74
Patrol and general management including 'work for the dole' supervision	319.9	6214.94	2183.42
Total	707.2	13007.07	4578.06

2. Vehicle running costs are not broken down to the same level of job detail as that for salary allocation. Costs are a combination of lease charges and running costs.

3. \$6756 was spent on lease charges for the provision of a dedicated fire vehicle for Port Kennedy at \$563 per month. The lease agreement also covers scheduled maintenance and insurance. It does not cover the day to day vehicle running costs.

4. The Department of Conservation and Land Management currently houses the Port Kennedy fire vehicle at the Port Kennedy Golf Course all year round. It is available for use for fire control purposes within Port Kennedy Scientific Park or where a wildfire burning outside the park has the potential to spread into the park. The vehicle is operated by the Department, Rockingham Fire and Rescue brigades, Secret Harbour Volunteer Fire Service and the Port Kennedy Golf Course Manager.

5. The Port Kennedy Developers provided funding for the supply of a fire vehicle for use at Port Kennedy Scientific Park. This funding is held in trust by the Department. Fire vehicle lease fees are paid from the trust account.

6. The information shelter and panels have not been installed due to vandalism problems within the park in recent months.

7. The shelter will be installed on the northern end of Rostellifera break, accessible via a pedestrian access gate on Port Kennedy Drive.

8. I now table maps of the Port Kennedy Scientific Park that show all fire access tracks, fencing and public access gates are printed in the Department of Conservation and Land Management's information brochure on Port Kennedy Scientific Park. Copies of the brochure are free and available from numerous locations in the area. Departmental staff also distribute copies of the brochure during patrols of the park. [See paper No 851.]

The map in the brochure shows the location of vermin-proof fencing within the Scientific Park, including those sections completed by the LCDC. All fencing is patrolled and maintained.

9. Only internal fencing, not considered essential in defining the reserve boundary or restricting feral animals from entering the reserve, has been removed. Where possible, this material has been reused elsewhere in the park.

10. Schedule 2 - Development Plan Text

Section 5.2 Boundaries, Fences, Paths and Protective Boundaries

11. The section of vermin-proof fencing within the Scientific Park constructed by the original developer was built to a design that was considered adequate at the time. The fence construction has since been redesigned to ensure that it effectively excludes climbing predators such as cats. This design variation is not the responsibility of the original developer.

12. The upgrading of the substandard section of fencing will not be a significant financial burden for the Department.

13. No.

14. The Minister is unaware of any 'liabilities' created by 'federal conditions' in regard to Port Kennedy Scientific Park.