

BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS —
LEEWIN–NATURALISTE NATIONAL PARK

1222. Hon LOUISE KINGSTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I thank the minister for the answer to question without notice 1 198 regarding the six-point plan titled “A Recovery Plan for Boranup Forest & the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park”.

- (1) How many parks and wildlife ranger full-time equivalents are budgeted for by the department to service the Leeuwin–Naturaliste National Park?
- (2) Are any of these positions currently vacant?
- (3) Does the minister believe that the number of FTEs referred to in (1) is sufficient to service the national park?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I congratulate the member on the occasion of her inaugural speech earlier today. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) It is five full-time employees.
- (2) One ranger position is currently vacant due to a staff member being on leave. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is aiming to fill this position for the duration of the leave period.
- (3) The management and allocation of all DBCA staff resources requires prioritisation to deliver identified strategic outcomes. Within the Leeuwin–Naturaliste National Park, existing staff resources are allocated to achieve priority on-ground deliverables, which include visitor safety, servicing and maintenance of visitor infrastructure, and public education and compliance to support tourism and conservation management outcomes.