

SOUTH WEST DAMS — FACILITIES AND FUNDING

1307. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Wellington Dam, the Harris River Dam and the Harvey Dam, in the South West, and ask:

- (a) what funding is allocated on a yearly basis (2013–2014) for upkeep and maintenance at:
  - (i) Harris River Dam Recreation Areas;
  - (ii) Wellington Dam Recreation Areas; and
  - (iii) Harvey Dam Recreation Areas;
- (b) what facilities or amenities are available for visitors to:
  - (i) Harris River Dam Recreation Areas;
  - (ii) Wellington Dam Recreation Areas; and
  - (iii) Harvey Dam Recreation Areas;
- (c) in the last twelve months from the date of this question, what type of maintenance or upgrades has been carried out at:
  - (i) Harris River Recreation Dam Areas;
  - (ii) Wellington Dam Recreation Areas; and
  - (iii) Harvey Dam Recreation Areas;
- (d) in the last twelve months from the date of this question, have any facilities or amenities been closed to the public at:
  - (i) Harris River Dam Recreation Areas;
  - (ii) Wellington Dam Recreation Areas; and
  - (iii) Harvey Dam Recreation Areas; and
- (e) if applicable, of the closed facilities what was the reason for closure and the anticipated date the facilities will be reopened, at:
  - (i) Harris River Dam Recreation Areas;
  - (ii) Wellington Dam Recreation Areas; and
  - (iii) Harvey Dam Recreation Areas?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (a)
  - (i) The Harris Dam and Harvey Dam recreation areas are managed by the Water Corporation and Shire of Harvey respectively. Therefore the questions should be directed to the Ministers for Water and Local Government.
  - (ii) \$305 000 is allocated for the management of visitors and the maintenance of visitor facilities in Wellington National Park. This includes the management and maintenance of recreation areas at or adjacent to the Wellington Dam.
  - (iii) See answer to (a)(i).
- (b)
  - (i) See answer to (a)(i).
  - (ii) Facilities located adjacent to Wellington Dam include Potters Gorge picnic and campground; the Quarry picnic area and abseil site; viewing areas; parking; toilets; interpretation; and walk trails. Recreation areas surrounding Wellington Dam and within Wellington National Park include picnic areas; campgrounds; walk trails; mountain bike and four-wheel drive trails; scenic drives; and river access for canoeing.
  - (iii) See answer to (a)(i).
- (c)
  - (i) See answer to (a)(i).
  - (ii) Maintenance and upgrade work includes general maintenance of all picnic areas and campgrounds; visitor risk management assessment and treatment of identified risks; replacement and repairs to signs; road upgrades and maintenance; and redevelopment of the Quarry picnic area with a wheelchair accessible path and new gas barbecues.

- (iii) See answer to (a)(i).
- (d)
  - (i) See answer to (a)(i).
  - (ii) Yes, Stones Brook and Gelcoat campgrounds and the Quarry picnic area.
  - (iii) See answer to (a)(i).
- (e)
  - (i) See answer to (a)(i).
  - (ii) The Stones Brook and Gelcoat campgrounds were closed to vehicles in late 2012 after the bridge on the entry road was damaged by floodwaters. The bridge is expected to be replaced and the camping areas reopened by July 2014.  
  
The Quarry picnic area was closed briefly during winter and early spring 2013 while facilities were upgraded. The area is now open.
  - (iii) See answer to (a)(i).