

D'ENTRECASTEAUX NATIONAL PARK, VISITOR NUMBERS AND MANAGEMENT FUNDING

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

- (1) How many people visited the D'Entrecasteaux National Park for each year from 1996?
- (2) How much money has the Department of Conservation and Land Management spent on managing the national park each year from 1996?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

1. Visitation figures are available for D'Entrecasteaux National Park and the combined Shannon/D'Entrecasteaux National Park. Both are presented below. Expenditure figures are only available for the Shannon/D'Entrecasteaux National Park.

Visitation to D'Entrecasteaux National Park:

1995/96 - 51,283
1996/97 - 50,201
1997/98 - 51,440
1998/99 - 54,497
1999/00 - 60,605
2000/01 - 79,336

Visitation to Shannon/D'Entrecasteaux National Park:

1995/96 - 68,064
1996/97 - 66,982
1997/98 - 68,221
1998/99 - 71,278
1999/00 - 77,386
2000/01 - 88,836

2. Expenditure indicated below is for both the Shannon and D'Entrecasteaux National Parks as expenditure figures for the two national parks cannot be separated.

1995/96 - \$711,250 (includes \$150,000 Main Roads WA [MRWA] grants)
1996/97 - \$692,290 (includes \$40,000 MRWA grant)
1997/98 - \$950,790 (includes \$392,276 wildfire fire suppression costs and \$48,000 MRWA grant)
1998/99 - \$934,240 (includes \$175,000 MRWA grant)
1999/00 - \$1,500,000 (includes \$323,000 MRWA grants and \$48,430 wildfire suppression costs)
2000/01 - \$936,405 (includes \$63,175 MRWA grants and \$47,890 wildfire suppression costs)