

**Question on Notice  
No. 937  
Asked on 31 August 2004**

QUESTION:

MRS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

As Minister responsible for Queensland's National Parks and Forest Parks, will she provide the total (a) land area under protection, (b) land area that fire/hazard mitigation was undertaken and (c) amount spent on fire/hazard mitigation for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (a) As at 30 June 2004, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has management responsibility for approximately 11,628,497 hectares of land. This comprises national parks and other protected areas managed under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, State forests and timber reserves managed under the *Forestry Act 1959*, and other lands managed for administrative and conservation purposes.
- (b) The QPWS has conducted planned burning over 1,763,786 hectares of its estate over the previous three financial years.
- 2001-02: 832,383 hectares
  - 2002-03: 406,403 hectares
  - 2003-04: 525,000 hectares
- (c) The QPWS has spent \$12.08 million on fire management over the previous three financial years.
- 2001-02: \$2.28 million
  - 2002-03: \$4.80 million
  - 2003-04: \$5.00 million

The 2001-02 expenditure figure is for the protected area estate only managed under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. Expenditure figures for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial years are inclusive of expenditure on both protected area and State forests areas following the Machinery of Government changes in 2001.