

**Question on Notice
No. 6
Asked on 6 February 2007**

QUESTION:

MR CRIPPS asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

With reference to weed and pest management—

Will she provide a breakdown by region (reported separately) of her department's (a) pest management expenditure for 2005-06, (b) estimated pest management expenditure for 2006-07, (c) weed management expenditure for 2005-06 and (d) estimated weed management expenditure for 2006-07?

ANSWER:

The control of plant and animal pests by QPWS is given a high priority within its overall estate management programs, with record spending in the last two financial years.

The total expenditure incurred through pest management programs in 2005-06 was approximately \$4.5M. It is estimated that \$5M will be expended on pest control activities planned for 2006-07.

Estimated funding across the regions for pest animal and pest plant (weed) management is:

QPWS Region	Pest animal management		Pest plant (weed) management	
	2005/06 Actual Expenditure (\$M)	2006/07 Planned Expenditure (\$M)	2005/06 Actual Expenditure (\$M)	2006/07 Planned Expenditure (\$M)
Centric	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07
Northern	0.69	0.81	0.60	1.39
Central	0.42	0.46	1.17	0.62
Southern	0.66	0.71	0.83	0.88
Total	1.83	2.03	2.66	2.96