

**Question on Notice
No. 1770
Asked on Thursday, 13 November 2008**

QUESTION:

MR GIBSON asked the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) –

With reference to the 'Crocs in Space' program—

- (1) What is the total cost per crocodile for the life of the program?
- (2) What is the total cost of capturing and relocating crocodiles that have already been translocated due to the crocodiles moving into a populated area?

ANSWER:

- (1) The estimated average cost per crocodile to the Environmental Protection Agency was approximately \$1,320.

I would point out that this estimate does not include costs such as the purchase and maintenance of satellite and VHF radio transmitters which were largely funded from external grants, or logistical and other costs incurred by partner organisations Australia Zoo and the University of Queensland.

- (2) I am informed that this question is relevant to only one crocodile, the one re-captured on Magnetic Island on 31 October 2008; however, this animal was not part of the 'Crocs in Space' program. This particular animal was inadvertently captured while trying to catch a problem crocodile. There was therefore no additional cost in capturing this crocodile.