

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1217**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 15 September 2009**

**MR ELMES** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 771 of 2009—  
How many rangers were actually at work on Tuesday, 21 July 2009, in national parks by region and by national park as opposed to the number of rangers employed by the government?

**ANSWER:**

As the Member is aware, I have provided information on ranger numbers previously.

Efforts to identify staffing information for one given day, would represent a significant and unjustified expense to the Department, and therefore an irresponsible use of public funds. Identification of department-wide staffing figures for a particular day would require all DERM offices to undertake a manual review of data such as timesheets taking into consideration casual, part-time, acting and leave arrangements at over 110 locations around the State at which our rangers work to manage and maintain our parks and forests. This would be a significant impost on the Department's resources and in fact take Rangers away from front line services, including current fire preparedness activities.

What is most important is the State Government commitment by increasing out total number of rangers on the ground. Under the Labor Government in Queensland the number of rangers employed by QPWS has increased by over 200 in the last decade.