

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 915

asked on Tuesday, 14 June 2011

MR POWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to SEQ based wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facilities (including but not limited to Australia Zoo, Daisy Hill Koala Centre, Moggill Koala Hospital, Lone Pine, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and the David Fleay Wildlife Park)—

Will the Minister detail recurrent and special (one-off) funding awarded to centres in 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 to date (reporting separately by centre, year, type of funding, and reason for funding if applicable)?

ANSWER:

While this question was asked of Minister Jones, due to recent changes in Ministerial responsibility, I am now the Minister responsible for this matter and therefore provide this response.

Moggill Koala Hospital

In the 2008-2009 financial year, the Moggill Koala Hospital received \$321,498 general funding and \$9,500 for asset maintenance. The general funding is a recurring budget that allows for veterinary services for sick and injured koalas, an operating theatre and accommodation and support for recovering koalas.

In 2009-2010, general funding increased to \$464,339 and, again, in the 2010-2011 financial year to \$529,924.

Daisy Hill Koala Centre

The Daisy Hill Koala Centre received \$207,965 general funding in the 2008-2009 financial year. This is a recurring budget and includes funding for the Koala Ambulance operations. Funding increased to \$352,528 in 2009-2010 and to \$425,426 in 2010-2011. Funding for the Centre is also used for interpretation and public contact activities.

In 2008-2009, the Centre received capital works funding to the value of \$59,786 for an outdoor koala enclosure. The enclosure was built to house captive koalas that are unable to be returned to the wild and is utilised occasionally for overnight accommodation of sick or injured animals.

Donations received from the public are of an ad hoc nature and are used to support Daisy Hill Koala Centre operations.

David Fleay Wildlife Park

The David Fleay Wildlife Park has a very limited role in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. The Park is managed by the Department of Environment and Resource Management as a wildlife conservation education facility, with a focus of displaying Queensland wildlife in as near to their natural habitats for educational purposes.

Donations received from the public are of an ad hoc nature and are used to support Park operations.

Australia Zoo

In 2008-2009 the privately owned and run, Australia Zoo received two grants payments totalling \$9,000, from the former Department of Natural Resources and Water. These were for a comprehensive ecological assessment of the bauxite spring/rainforest communities on the Steve Irwin Reserve.

Lone Pine and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Since 1993 the department have provided \$850,000 to the National Trust of Queensland, responsible for the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Other

In April 2011, the Department of Environment and Resource Management made a donation to the RSPCA to the value of \$10,000, in support of the Charity's flood response operations.