

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MS PALASZCZUK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Mon Repos Conservation Park (a) what are the operating hours of the visitor centre both during and outside the turtle-hatching season, (b) how many staff, listed by position, were allocated to operate the park during both the 2011-12 and 2012-13 turtle hatching seasons, (c) how many staff, listed by position, were allocated to operate the park outside the turtle-hatching season in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and (d) what was the total operating budget of the park in 2011-12 and 2012-13?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

(a) During the turtle-nesting season (which includes the laying and hatching cycles of the breeding season) the Mon Repos Information centre is open seven days a week from 8:00am to 5:00pm and from 7:00pm to 2:00am.

Outside the turtle-nesting season, the Mon Repos Information Centre is open Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 3:30pm.

(b) During the 2011-12 and 2012-13 turtle-nesting season there were five ranger positions allocated to operate the turtle tourism and education program.

(c) There were three ranger positions allocated to maintain and operate the Mon Repos Conservation Park outside the turtle-nesting season in 2011, 2012 and 2013, with regional officers providing additional support as required.

(d) There is no separate budget allocation for the Mon Repos Conservation Park. The operating budget for the Mon Repos Conservation Park is included in the total operating budget for the Bundaberg Base in the Bundaberg Management Unit of the department.

For the 2011-12 financial year the total operating budget for the Bundaberg Base, was \$188,313 exclusive of labour costs.

For the 2012-13 financial year the total operating budget for the Bundaberg Base, was \$306,720 exclusive of labour costs.