Ouestion on Notice

No. 129

Asked on 5 March 2014

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (MR SEENEY) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the previous government's declaration of an environmental precinct on the eastern part of Curtis Island when 3xLNG companies were announced and the approximate \$20m fund which was established by State Development at the time with equal funding from LNG companies –

- (1) How much of the fund remains?
- (2) Which department now has responsibility for the funds?
- (3) How have expended funds been distributed and on what issues (listed separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gladstone for her question.

- (1) As at 28 February 2014, total funds of \$20,534,752 remain (includes interest).
- (2) In June 2013, responsibility for the funds was transferred from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) to the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (DNPRSR).
- (3) Total Curtis Island Environmental Management Precinct expenditure (excl. GST) is \$1,368,391. This expenditure has two components:
 - a) DSDIP expenditure prior to transfer \$685,513 (excl. GST).

| Item | Expenditure (\$) |
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| Land planning, environmental studies and | |
| solicitor's fees | 283,549 |
| Homestead repairs | 76,708 |
| Feral animal control and rubbish removal | 57,254 |
| Salary, vehicle, supplies and services | 268,002 |
| Total | 685,513 |

b) DNPRSR expenditure until 28 February 2014 – \$682,878 (excl. GST).

| Item | Expenditure (\$) |
|--|-------------------------|
| Capital works (firebreaks, road maintenance, | |
| homestead improvements and purchase (50% of | 355,000 |
| small transport barge)) | |
| Labour/salaries and general operating | 222,000 |
| Feral animal control | 74,038 |
| Asset/infrastructure management | 31,840 |
| Total | 682,878 |