

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MR HART ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF (HON DR S MILES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the government's policy on allowing commercial activities to be based in the David Fleay Wildlife Park car park to support small business, local jobs and the Park's viability?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting the future operation of the David Fleay Wildlife Park on the Gold Coast which has an important role in educating visitors about the importance of our native wildlife and protecting their habitats.

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing supports commercial activities appropriate to the location and has a policy which guides the application and assessment process for any new proposal.

In the case of an application for a commercial activity in the David Fleay Wildlife Park car park, the department would need to consider how the proposal may benefit overall visitation to the centre or impact public access to the centre.