

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 519

asked on Tuesday, 14 July 2015

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

QUESTION:

For each property or facility administered by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will the Minister provide (a) the value of scheduled maintenance works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken, and (b) the value of scheduled capital works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government believes that in a decentralised State like Queensland, Government building projects help deliver employment when and where it is most needed.

The 2015-16 State Budget, released on 14 July 2015 by the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, includes an estimated \$10.1 billion spend on infrastructure across Queensland this financial year, supporting an estimated 27,500 direct jobs.

As the Treasurer outlined in his budget speech, this year's capital works budget is higher by nearly \$400 million, compared to the estimated actual spend last year.

Key Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services capital and maintenance works planned within the National Parks component of my portfolio for 2015-16 include:-

- \$8.1 million (excluding carryover) of maintenance funding, which benchmarks respectably against minimum standards recommended in the Queensland Government Maintenance Management Framework. \$4.357 million will be strategically targeted towards priorities including the Great Barrier Reef, Curtis Island and North Stradbroke Island. A further \$1.5 million will address maintenance to roads and high priority fire lines in areas to improve community safety. \$1.2 million is allocated for general maintenance tasks in regions; and
- \$28.1 million of capital projects in 2015-16 including over 135 capital projects at locations all over the State. Major developments are underway in national parks around Brisbane, Carnarvon Gorge, Curtis Island, Stradbroke Island, Cape York and Cairns. Approved capital projects are in planning, design and construction stages with several scheduled to continue beyond 30 June 2016. These projects will improve facilities in our parks and forests, improve relationships with neighbours and enable more efficient delivery of visitor and management services on both land and sea.

For more details relating to these and other planned works, I refer the Honourable Member to the publicly available 2015-16 State Budget Papers, in particular Budget

Paper No.3 titled Capital Statement and to my department's Service Delivery Statement.

While I do not believe that it would be practicable, nor would it be reasonable, to divert the resources of my department to outline every single individual work in this answer as requested in the Member's question, if the Member has a specific question about work at a specific facility then I would be more than happy to seek the information.