

## Question on Notice

No. 1052

Asked on Tuesday, 4 September 2018

**MR D CRISAFULLI** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Environment and Science's Service Delivery Statement page 21 outline of the Species and Ecosystem Protection Services resourcing—

Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of individual program funding cuts (from 2017-18 to 2018-19) including (a) staff profile, (b) capital expenditure and (c) operational expenditure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

There is an increase in funding for Species and Ecosystems Protection services from the 2017-18 Estimated Actual expenditure to the 2018-19 budget.

There is a net increase in operational expenditure of \$5.6 million. The movement relates principally to the following programs:

- Carbon Market Indigenous Participation
- Community Sustainability Action Grants
- Land and Sea Ranger Program
- Nature Refuges
- Koala Implementation Response Strategy

The variance in capital expenditure of \$10.7 million results from funding for the acquisition of properties of high conservation value and to provide new infrastructure at acquired properties now being held centrally.

Staffing for the Department of Environment and Science, including this service area, is listed on page 26 of the Service Delivery Statement.

During the period of the previous LNP Government between 2011-12 and 2013-14 the former Department of Environment and Heritage Protection had staff cuts of 495 FTEs. This represents a 33% reduction in staffing levels.