

Question on Notice

No. 857

Asked on Friday, 15 June 2018

MR J COSTIGAN 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 imminent launch of guided early morning tours for visitors to Cape Hillsborough in relation to its kangaroos and wallabies—

Will the Minister outline what the Palaszczuk Labor Government is doing in terms of providing additional resources for the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service at Cape Hillsborough?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Cape Hillsborough is a popular destination for visitors to enjoy stunning scenery and to observe wallabies on the beach at sunrise.

In response to this interest, the Department of Environment and Science has recently granted a Commercial Activity Agreement for the Cape Hillsborough Sunrise Wallaby Experience.

The tours are conducted by expert guides who manage the interaction between visitors and wallabies; provide interpretation; and ensure the sustainable management and safe delivery of this unique visitor experience.

To support visitation to this area, the department is currently upgrading visitor facilities in the Cape Hillsborough National Park. The popular Beach Combers Cove walking track is being resurfaced and the viewing platform at Turtle Lookout has been upgraded. New park interpretation signs to inform visitors on the natural and cultural values of the park are being installed and planning for further upgrades to the Cape Hillsborough walking track network is underway.