

Question on Notice

No. 790

Asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

MR M CRANDON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$14.401 m line item in the Budget 2020-21 Capital Statement titled 'Statewide parks and forests infrastructure upgrades'—

Will the Minister provide (a) how much of the allocated monies have been spent to date, (b) what the allocated monies will be spent on this FY and (c) if all monies are not to be spent this FY how much the underspend will be?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring Queensland's iconic national parks are well presented and managed. An initial capital allocation of \$14.4 million was provided to upgrade park and forest infrastructure statewide.

An additional \$1.3 million of funds were added to the program, primarily as a result of funds provided from external entities. These funds will deliver additional outcomes to several projects, with overall spend totalling \$15.7 million.

As of 30 June 2021, \$15.1 million has been spent with a further \$0.6 million of contracted works underway to be completed early in the 2021-22 financial year.

Notable projects within this program include upgrades to Capricornia Cays National Park - North West Island amenities; solar power systems for remote parks; and Kroombit National Park visitor upgrades. Other significant projects include works at David Fleay Wildlife Park and Curtis Island.