

Question on Notice

No. 1114

Asked on Tuesday, 25 October 2022

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the revenue generated by the David Fleay Wildlife Park and a summary of all expenses incurred including outlining any capital works (reported separately by year for the last ten years)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Government procured the David Fleay Wildlife Park and Conservation Park under a formal Agreement with Dr David Fleay on 20 October 1983. The Agreement requires the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to continue operating the site as a fauna park and conservation park and that its present characteristics shall not be substantially altered.

Today the David Fleay Wildlife Park continues Dr Fleay's legacy through delivering visitor education that connects people with Queensland's national parks.

The Park operates under a partial cost recovery funding model, recognising a level of community service obligation.

Operating expenses include employee expenses; property repairs and maintenance; food and vet care for captive wildlife; property rates; utilities; consumables to support education programs and retail; industry licencing; motor vehicle expenses; and other operating expenses.

Capital investment over the past two years has been targeted to renewal of infrastructure across the site (e.g. to support a Queensland small business leasing arrangement for the café, upgrading electrical works for safety compliance); and ensuring wildlife enclosures meet updated standards (e.g. crocodile, macropod and cassowary enclosures). Earlier capital investment was for the amphitheatre and visitor centre infrastructure.

Item	2012/ 13 \$'000	2013/ 14 \$'000	2014/ 15 \$'000	2015/ 16 \$'000	2016/ 17 \$'000	2017/ 18 \$'000	2018/ 19 \$'000	2019/ 20 \$'000	2020/ 21 \$'000	2021/ 22 \$'000
Revenue	258	275	339	466	575	588	691	526	822	657
Operating Expenses	1,612	1,848	1,683	1,674	1,533	1,722	1,688	2,083	2,495	2,704
Capital Expenses	93	361	85	561	8	32	2	28	440	609
Total Expenses	1,705	2,209	1,768	2,234	1,541	1,754	1,690	2,111	2,935	3,314

Figures include all funding sources and excludes GST (where applicable)

Operating figures include depreciation

Revenue figures include donations and grants received

Figures may not equal totals due to rounding applied