

Question on Notice

No. 645

Asked on Wednesday, 22 June 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 amount of funding expended by the State Government on National Park management (reported separately by location and year) for the last five years?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Queensland has more than 300 national parks and over 700 other protected areas, State forests and land that are managed by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) in partnership with First Nations peoples.

QPWS has a planning framework that provides a values-based planning approach to park and forest management, consistent with global best practice.

On-ground, our QPWS rangers work in management units that in many instances, are responsible for several national parks, State forests and reserves, consequently it is not possible to identify funding expended at an individual national park level.

QPWS currently has more than 170 operational management units across the State that are directly responsible for protected area management. For the purpose of the Member's question, funding expended over the last five years is summarised by Branch in the table below. This expenditure includes both operating and capital funding however does not include indirect costs that are expended at a state-wide level.

Branch*	Financial Year				
	2017-18 \$M	2018-19 \$M	2019-20 \$M	2020-21 \$M	2021-22 \$M
Coastal and Islands Technical Support	1.96	1.89	2.34	2.78	2.98
Coastal and Islands Region Office	1.24	2.41	3.65	2.24	1.75
Great Barrier Reef Marine Coastal and Islands Directorate	1.13	1.58	3.34	1.80	3.22
Great Barrier Reef and Marine Parks Region Office	19.34	25.36	25.40	29.79	35.02
Great Barrier Reef Northern	4.39	5.53	8.06	8.36	7.02
Great Barrier Reef Southern	4.07	5.23	6.28	11.76	8.29
Great Barrier Reef Technical Support	6.20	7.68	5.64	7.54	5.61
Great Sandy	13.13	15.83	14.28	16.68	16.29
Marine Parks	3.02	3.43	3.99	3.42	4.24
Moreton Bay Islands	11.45	12.17	13.15	17.41	15.30
Cape York	10.21	16.21	12.70	9.02	9.07
Capricornia	9.01	9.12	7.55	6.79	7.94

Branch*	Financial Year				
	2017-18 \$M	2018-19 \$M	2019-20 \$M	2020-21 \$M	2021-22 \$M
Central Region Office	1.04	1.18	1.05	1.16	1.24
Central Tech Support	3.21	3.95	3.95	3.61	3.73
Central West	8.95	8.99	8.92	9.35	10.88
Coastal Tropics	8.16	9.34	8.86	9.05	8.19
Northern Parks and Forests Directorate	0.59	0.70	0.97	0.99	1.05
Joint Management	6.46	5.42	5.81	4.62	5.74
Northern Region Office	1.47	1.86	1.70	1.00	1.08
Northern Technical Support	4.83	4.74	5.55	5.72	6.31
Tablelands and Dry Tropics	8.09	11.18	9.44	9.37	8.81
Eastern Highlands	8.52	9.31	9.05	10.20	10.75
Southern Parks and Forests Directorate	0.56	0.78	0.91	0.65	0.83
Gold Coast	5.92	7.73	5.80	5.56	6.32
Greater Brisbane	7.31	5.61	9.68	7.72	5.79
South East Queensland Technical Support	3.20	3.03	3.48	3.20	2.99
South East Queensland Region Office	2.34	3.40	4.34	4.23	4.47
South West Region Office	1.09	1.63	3.15	1.82	1.13
Sunshine Coast	8.80	11.27	8.80	7.64	8.30
South West Technical Support	3.16	4.21	4.38	3.82	4.65
West	7.39	7.00	7.03	6.46	5.85
Wide Bay	7.76	12.65^	19.39^	7.30	8.33
Total **	184.00	220.42	228.64	221.06	223.17

**Direct costs only. Does not include indirect costs expended at a state-wide level.*

***Operating and Capital expenditure.*

^ Includes capital costs for Mon Repos Turtle Centre

Rounding has been applied.