

Question on Notice

No. 1010

Asked on Tuesday, 12 September 2023

MR A PERRETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION:

With reference to camping, beach driving and other fees for the Inskip Peninsula, the Cooloola Recreation Area and the Great Sandy National Park and answer to Question on Notice No. 1110 of 2022—

Will the Minister advise for each above area for the 2022-23 year, (a) the beach driving fee and how much was collected, (b) the beach camping fee and how much was collected and (c) any other fees collected including what the fees were and how much was collected?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Vehicle Access Permit fees and Camping fees for Queensland's Recreation Areas are calculated using Schedule 2 of the Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2017 and the Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022.

For the 2022-23 financial year Vehicle Access Permit and Camping fees for the Cooloola Recreation Area, K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area (part of the Great Sandy National Park) and Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area were as follows:

(a) Vehicle Access Permits

- Vehicle Access Permit fees for the Cooloola Recreation Area:
 - i. for a term of 1 day – if obtained through the internet - \$13.95; otherwise - \$21.05
 - ii. for a term up to 1 week - \$35.50
 - iii. for a term up to 1 month - \$55.90
 - iv. for a term of more than 1 month - \$281.40.
- Vehicle Access Permit fees for the K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area:
 - i. for a term up to 1 month - \$55.90
 - ii. for a term of more than 1 month - \$281.40.
- Vehicle Access Permit fees for both Cooloola Recreation Area and K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area:
 - i. for a term up to 1 month - \$89.80
 - ii. for a term of more than 1 month - \$450.60.
- Vehicle Access Permits for Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area are not required.

- Total revenue from Vehicle Access Permits for the 2022-23 financial year for K’gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area was \$3.91 million and Cooloola Recreation Area was \$2.38 million.

(b) Camping Permits

- All Recreation Areas – per person per day 5 years or older:
 - i. approved educational excursions - \$3.85
 - ii. standard camping rate - \$7.00
 - iii. maximum family fee for each night is 4 times the fee for each other person 5 years or older.
- Total revenue from camping permits for the 2022-23 financial year for K’gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area was \$2.27 million; Cooloola Recreation Area was \$1.16 million; and Inskip Point Recreation Area was \$1.0 million.

(c) The Department of Environment and Science receives revenue from Commercial Activities including permit application fees, commercial tour operator fees and daily fees for commercial activities on park and recovers fees for campground hot water usage.

- Revenue from Commercial Activities for the 2022-23 financial year for K’gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area was \$0.91 million; Cooloola Recreation Area was \$49,277; and Inskip Point Recreation Area was \$2,514.
- Revenue related to hot water recovery for the 2022-23 financial year for K’gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area was \$156,784; and Cooloola Recreation Area was \$26,318.

All revenue generated from vehicle access permit and camping fees in the Recreation Areas is reinvested towards the management of the recreation areas.