

Question on Notice

No. 1214

Asked on Wednesday, 11 October 2023

MR S O'CONNOR 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 answer to Question on Notice No. 425 of 2023—

Will the Minister provide an update on the number of Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers employed currently (reported separately by region), and include the vacancy rate of Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers for each region?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As outlined in the answer to Question on Notice No. 425-2023, through the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, the Queensland Government partners with First Nations communities to care for land and sea country.

The Queensland Government provides grant funding to independent First Nations managed organisations to employ rangers. In 2022-23, the program supported employment of up to 154 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers are not State employees, so detailed personnel management data such as vacancy rates is not available.

The breakdown of ranger positions provided in the response tabled on 23 May 2023 remains current. The Queensland Government is committed to increasing the number of funded Indigenous rangers to 200, a doubling of positions since 2020. I look forward to providing an update on the allocation of the final 46 ranger positions.