

Question on Notice

No. 1251

Asked on Thursday, 12 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:

Will the Minister provide the current number of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service rangers (in table format) reported separately by the location they are based in, and the vacancy rate for rangers in each location?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As at 6 October 2023, the number of rangers in the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is contained in the below table.

QPWS Ranger Numbers	
Operational Area	Number of Rangers
Great Barrier Reef, Marine and Coastal Islands	241
Northern Parks and Forests region	256
Southern Parks and Forests region	267
Wildlife and Threatened Species	32

As at 6 October 2023, the vacancy rates for QPWS rangers by operational areas is contained in the below table.

QPWS Ranger Vacancy Rates	
Operational Area	Percentage
Great Barrier Reef, Marine and Coastal Islands	10.53
Northern Parks and Forests region	8.53
Southern Parks and Forests region	6.93
Wildlife and Threatened Species	0

Due to the high number of workplaces in the department, the vacancy rates are provided at the operational area level.

The current tight labour market, low unemployment rate and remote locations of many positions contribute to the reported vacancy rate. Variations in vacancies can also be attributed to fluctuating annual operational requirements, including normal employee lifecycle changes, active recruitment, long term leave, employee movements, secondments and time-limited projects.