

Question on Notice

No. 807

Asked on Thursday, 15 June 2023

MR A POWELL 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 (a) the most recent visitor numbers for the Glass House Mountains National Park - including any specific counts of visitors to Mt Ngungun, Mt Tibrogargan and Mt Beerwah and (b) any historical counts as a way of comparison?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service has track counters in place to record visitor numbers at selected visitor sites. The numbers need to be considered as estimates as anomalies can be attributable to counter faults, visitor interference, environmental conditions and periods of downtime (counter failure).

The visitor numbers recorded have been captured by counters located on walking tracks and the number of vehicles has been captured by counters located in the carparks, noting not all visitors from a vehicle may enter the walking track.

- (a) The most recent visitor numbers for the 2022 calendar year (walking track data) are 96,384 visitors for Mount Ngungun, 12,151 for Mount Tibrogargan and 17,019 for Mount Beerwah. The number of vehicles counted for the 2022 calendar year were 15,760 for the Mount Beerwah carpark and 48,719 for the Mount Tibrogargan carpark. It should be noted that Mount Beerwah was closed from June to December 2022 due to a safety hazard.
- (b) Visitor numbers for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 calendar years (walking track data) for Mount Ngungun, Mount Tibrogargan and Mount Beerwah; and vehicle numbers for Mount Beerwah carpark and Mount Tibrogargan carpark are provided below.

In the 2019 calendar year there were 96,788 visitors for Mount Ngungun, 19,346 for Mount Tibrogargan and 18,457 for Mount Beerwah. The number of vehicles counted for the 2019 calendar year were 24,992 for the Mount Beerwah carpark and 56,210 for the Mount Tibrogargan carpark.

In the 2020 calendar year, there were 103,356 visitors for Mount Ngungun, 25,779 for Mount Tibrogargan and 18,219 for Mount Beerwah. The number of vehicles counted for the 2020 calendar year were 25,294 for the Mount Beerwah carpark and 48,541 for the Mount Tibrogargan carpark.

In the 2021 calendar year, there were 102,950 visitors for Mount Ngungun, 19,656 for Mount Tibrogargan and 23,716 for Mount Beerwah. The number of vehicles counted for the 2021 calendar year were 22,672 for the Mount Beerwah carpark and 49,006 for the Mount Tibrogargan carpark.