

Question on Notice

No. 523

Asked on Wednesday, 1 May 2024

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION:

With reference to vehicle access permits for recreation areas—

Will the Minister detail how many permits were granted (reported separately by month for the last three years and categorised by permit length (as applicable), (i) 1 calendar day, (ii) 1 week or less, (iii) 1 month or less, (iv) 1 month or more, for the following recreation areas - Bribie Island Recreation Area, Cooloola Recreation Area, K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area, and combined K'gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola Recreation Area?

ANSWER:

Vehicle Access Permits issued for the last three financial years (up to 30 April 2024) were:

Bribie Island Recreation Area

- (i) Daily permits are not available for this Area.
- (ii) Weekly permits issued were: 1,285 in July 2021; 1,592 in August 2021; 2,211 in September 2021, 2,941 in October 2021; 1,651 in November 2021; 2,714 in December 2021; 2,847 in January 2022; 1,113 in February 2022; 461 in March 2022; 1,990 in April 2022; 312 in May 2022; 941 in June 2022; 1,169 in July 2022; 1,543 in August 2022; 1,943 in September 2022, 1,789 in October 2022; 1,995 in November 2022; 2,674 in December 2022; 3,559 in January 2023; 1,623 in February 2023; 1,430 in March 2023; 2,334 in April 2023; 1,181 in May 2023; 1,259 in June 2023; 1,716 in July 2023; 2,017 in August 2023; 2,598 in September 2023, 2,384 in October 2023; 1,700 in November 2023; 2,677 in December 2023; 2,719 in January 2024; 1,346 in February 2024; 1,709 in March 2024; and 1,700 in April 2024.
- (iii) Monthly permits are not available for this Area.
- (iv) Annual permits issued were: 913 in July 2021; 1,330 in August 2021; 1,701 in September 2021, 2,240 in October 2021; 1,159 in November 2021; 1,778 in December 2021; 1,718 in January 2022; 732 in February 2022; 362 in March 2022; 1,048 in April 2022; 235 in May 2022; 544 in June 2022; 733 in July 2022; 1,195 in August 2022; 1,430 in September 2022, 1,280 in October 2022; 1,338 in November 2022; 1,508 in December 2022; 1,928 in January 2023; 976 in February 2023; 801 in March 2023; 1,082 in April 2023; 594 in May 2023; 654 in June 2023; 785 in July 2023; 1,068 in August 2023; 1,247 in September 2023, 1,153 in October 2023; 888 in November 2023; 1,443 in December 2023; 1,101 in January 2024; 702 in February 2024; 730 in March 2024; and 671 in April 2024.

Cooloola Recreation Area

- (i) Daily permits issued were: 5,712 in July 2021; 6,082 in August 2021; 7,114 in September 2021, 7,910 in October 2021; 5,144 in November 2021; 7,087 in December 2021; 8,284 in January 2022; 3,541 in February 2022; 2,771 in March 2022; 5,881 in April 2022; 2,686 in May 2022; and 3,713 in June 2022. Daily permits issued were: 3,729 in July 2022; 4,419 in August 2022; 5,849 in September 2022, 4,889 in October 2022; 5,084 in November 2022; 5,988 in December 2022; 8,147 in January 2023; 3,889 in February 2023; 4,018 in March 2023; 5,759 in April 2023; 3,543 in May 2023; and 3,713 in June 2023. Daily permits issued were: 4,458 in July 2023; 4,289 in August 2023; 5,315 in September 2023, 5,283 in October 2023; 4,424 in November 2023; 6,111 in December 2023; 6,309 in January 2024; 3,767 in February 2024; 3,966 in March 2024; and 4,325 in April 2024.
- (ii) Weekly permits issued were: 2,657 in July 2021; 3,107 in August 2021; 4,928 in September 2021, 4,808 in October 2021; 3,560 in November 2021; 4,110 in December 2021; 4,051 in January 2022; 2,375 in February 2022; 1,849 in March 2022; 4,336 in April 2022; 1,004 in May 2022; 1,534 in June 2022; 1,547 in July 2022; 2,243 in August 2022; 3,812 in September 2022, 2,689 in October 2022; 3,268 in November 2022; 3,683 in December 2022; 4,188 in January 2023; 2,101 in February 2023; 2,283 in March 2023; 3,676 in April 2023; 1,516 in May 2023; 1,867 in June 2023; 1,889 in July 2023; 2,190 in August 2023; 4,062 in September 2023, 2,610 in October 2023; 2,966 in November 2023; 3,540 in December 2023; 3,345 in January 2024; 1,814 in February 2024; 2,580 in March 2024; and 2,565 in April 2024.
- (iii) Monthly permits issued were: 159 in July 2021; 218 in August 2021; 373 in September 2021, 245 in October 2021; 210 in November 2021; 861 in December 2021; 331 in January 2022; 125 in February 2022; 113 in March 2022; 225 in April 2022; 77 in May 2022; 141 in June 2022; 106 in July 2022; 176 in August 2022; 280 in September 2022, 167 in October 2022; 182 in November 2022; 652 in December 2022; 333 in January 2023; 114 in February 2023; 136 in March 2023; 200 in April 2023; 94 in May 2023; 141 in June 2023; 118 in July 2023; 119 in August 2023; 254 in September 2023, 173 in October 2023; 161 in November 2023; 662 in December 2023; 269 in January 2024; 98 in February 2024; 127 in March 2024; and 141 in April 2024.
- (iv) Annual permits issued were: 126 in July 2021; 165 in August 2021; 158 in September 2021, 170 in October 2021; 152 in November 2021; 236 in December 2021; 140 in January 2022; 82 in February 2022; 86 in March 2022; 94 in April 2022; 47 in May 2022; 113 in June 2022; 92 in July 2022; 117 in August 2022; 129 in September 2022, 126 in October 2022; 127 in November 2022; 219 in December 2022; 120 in January 2023; 93 in February 2023; 90 in March 2023; 96 in April 2023; 68 in May 2023; 106 in June 2023; 78 in July 2023; 90 in August 2023; 107 in September 2023, 117 in October 2023; 107 in November 2023; 183 in December 2023; 105 in January 2024; 113 in February 2024; 70 in March 2024; and 61 in April 2024.

K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area

- (i) Daily permits are not available for this Area.
- (ii) Weekly permits are not available for this Area.
- (iii) Monthly permits issued were: 3,392 in July 2021; 4,121 in August 2021; 6,637 in September 2021, 6,023 in October 2021; 3,879 in November 2021; 6,068 in December 2021; 5,214 in January 2022; 2,863 in February 2022; 3,618 in March 2022; 6,730 in April 2022; 2,641 in May 2022; 2,959 in June 2022; 3,721 in July

2022; 5,522 in August 2022; 7,968 in September 2022, 6,183 in October 2022; 4,678 in November 2022; 6,608 in December 2022; 5,617 in January 2023; 2,709 in February 2023; 4,034 in March 2023; 6,178 in April 2023; 2,827 in May 2023; 3,073 in June 2023; 3,841 in July 2023; 5,642 in August 2023; 7,574 in September 2023, 5,734 in October 2023; 4,381 in November 2023; 6,078 in December 2023; 4,504 in January 2024; 2,554 in February 2024; 4,572 in March 2024; and 4,082 in April 2024.

- (iv) Annual permits issued were: 83 in July 2021; 67 in August 2021; 104 in September 2021, 97 in October 2021; 61 in November 2021; 93 in December 2021; 80 in January 2022; 48 in February 2022; 45 in March 2022; 76 in April 2022; 69 in May 2022; 102 in June 2022; 89 in July 2022; 99 in August 2022; 131 in September 2022, 82 in October 2022; 85 in November 2022; 99 in December 2022; 88 in January 2023; 62 in February 2023; 60 in March 2023; 74 in April 2023; 67 in May 2023; 68 in June 2023; 75 in July 2023; 92 in August 2023; 116 in September 2023, 98 in October 2023; 101 in November 2023; 121 in December 2023; 61 in January 2024; 55 in February 2024; 67 in March 2024; and 79 in April 2024.

Cooloola Recreation Area / K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area

- (i) Daily permits are not available for this Area.
- (ii) Weekly permits are not available for this Area.
- (iii) Monthly permits issued were: 311 in July 2021; 313 in August 2021; 596 in September 2021, 487 in October 2021; 316 in November 2021; 737 in December 2021; 606 in January 2022; 259 in February 2022; 300 in March 2022; 596 in April 2022; 201 in May 2022; 271 in June 2022; 333 in July 2022; 361 in August 2022; 651 in September 2022, 489 in October 2022; 342 in November 2022; 683 in December 2022; 573 in January 2023; 235 in February 2023; 299 in March 2023; 455 in April 2023; 206 in May 2023; 252 in June 2023; 265 in July 2023; 302 in August 2023; 489 in September 2023, 384 in October 2023; 259 in November 2023; 560 in December 2023; 388 in January 2024; 149 in February 2024; 326 in March 2024; and 321 in April 2024.
- (iv) Annual permits issued were: 18 in July 2021; 21 in August 2021; 38 in September 2021, 32 in October 2021; 20 in November 2021; 30 in December 2021; 20 in January 2022; 17 in February 2022; 30 in March 2022; 28 in April 2022; 10 in May 2022; 41 in June 2022; 18 in July 2022; 25 in August 2022; 36 in September 2022, 20 in October 2022; 29 in November 2022; 26 in December 2022; 24 in January 2023; 21 in February 2023; 28 in March 2023; 24 in April 2023; 15 in May 2023; 35 in June 2023; 19 in July 2023; 28 in August 2023; 24 in September 2023, 19 in October 2023; 24 in November 2023; 30 in December 2023; 21 in January 2024; 19 in February 2024; 20 in March 2024; and 17 in April 2024.