

Question on Notice

No. 503

Asked on Wednesday, 13 May 2026

HON S MILES ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the current total land area of Queensland's Protected Area Estate (reported separately by public and private protected area totals, and then by tenure type) and (b) how much of the \$39.6m allocated in the 2025-26 Budget for the expansion of protected areas has been expended and for what purpose?

ANSWER:

- (a) As at 19 March 2026, there are currently 10,020,974 hectares of public protected areas, and 5,088,362 hectares of private protected areas in Queensland. Public protected areas comprise 57,429 hectares of national park (scientific), 6,826,744 hectares of national park, 247,107 hectares of national park (Aboriginal Land), 2,661,833 hectares of national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land), 100,349 hectares of conservation park, and 127,512 hectares of resources reserve. Private protected areas comprise 293,064 hectares of special wildlife reserve, 4,793,177 hectares of nature refuge, and 2,121 hectares of coordinated conservation area.
- (b) Details relating to individual transactions and expenditure remain commercial-in-confidence. As part of the 2025-26 State Budget allocation, the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation has acquired Cliffdale Station in the Gulf Plains region.