Mr President

Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to Question Without Notice 486 asked Tuesday, 10 September 2013 by the Hon Robin Chapple and the commitment I made to provide supplementary information.

(1) Since the release of the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy on 17 June 2011, the total budget has been expanded to $81.5 million. Expenditure began in July 2009 and will continue over the forward estimates period.

(2) Budgets for the Department of Parks and Wildlife over the forward estimates for delivery of the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy are contained in the 2013/2014 budget papers. A number of State Government agencies and other organisations are involved in delivering the Strategy and budget details will need to sought from the relevant Ministers.

(3) The additional $18.5 million includes $15 million to expand the Kimberley's network of marine parks to the Northern Territory border to form the Great Kimberley Marine Park and $3.5 million to create Australia's largest national park over most of the Mitchell Plateau and a new national park at Horizontal Falls.

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