

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Question on notice

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

3238. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

I refer to question on notice No. 1415 asked in the Legislative Council on 12 August 2014 to the Minister for Environment, and tabled paper No. 1880, regarding the total expenditure on 'Broader Kimberley Ranger Services' of \$912,339, and ask:

- (a) what services were undertaken under the fee-for-service agreements, and what was the costs of each of these services;
- (b) were all the contracts through the Kimberley Land Council;
- (c) if no to (b), which other organisations were contracted;
- (d) how much of the money was spent on the conservation estate in the Kimberley (and therefore what percentage on off-reserve management activities); and
- (e) were any of these programs science programs, or were they all conservation management?

**Answer**

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (a) Services undertaken by Traditional Owners and Indigenous Rangers on a fee-for-service basis in 2013-14 were:

– Flatback Turtle monitoring	\$7,179
– Sitting fees to attend meetings	\$990
– Carson River Station mustering	\$32,508
– Carson River Station maintenance	\$3,999
– On country planning meetings	\$25,427
– Biodiversity baseline surveys	\$50,524
– Cane toad taste aversion research	\$79,067
– Maintenance of visitor facilities	\$6,703
– Weed control	\$50,339
– Fire planning workshops	\$4,203
– Delivery of prescribed fire	\$1,730
– Casual Ranger at King Leopold Range	\$5,784
– Bunuba Rangers Program	\$177,698
– Feral animal control at Paraku	\$15,748

Note that an additional \$450,440 was spent in 2013-14 to support the implementation of joint conservation management and science programs under the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy. This expenditure was on travel allowances, aircraft hire, fleet costs, operational materials and salaries to enable the implementation of joint planning, control of introduced animals, control of introduced plants, facility maintenance and biodiversity monitoring programs.

(b) No, 10 of the 30 fee-for-service contracts were through the Kimberley Land Council.

(c) Other organisations contracted were:

- Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation.
- Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation.
- Kandiwal Aboriginal Corporation.
- Ngarinyin Aboriginal Corporation.
- Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation.
- DarlNgunaya Aboriginal Corporation.
- Wilinggin Traditional Owners direct employment.
- Miriwung Gajerrong Traditional Owners direct employment.
- Balangarra Traditional Owners direct employment.

(d) Of the \$912,339 expended on broader Kimberley Ranger services in 2013-14, \$42,276 (4.6 per cent) was spent on the conservation estate; \$350,009 was spent off the conservation estate (38.4 per cent); and \$520,054 (57 per cent) was spent on tenure blind management programs that were applied both on and off the conservation estate.

(e) Seventeen (31 per cent) of the projects implemented were part of science programs and 37 (69 per cent) were conservation management programs.

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