

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question On Notice**

**Tuesday, 10 May 2016**

**4110. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Planning representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to conservation areas in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) how many conservation areas are there in the Kimberley by tenure, that is national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, etc.;
- (b) will the Minister provide a table, including the following:
  - (i) the name of conservation area;
  - (ii) the tenure;
  - (iii) the area in hectares;
  - (iv) the annual management budget;
  - (v) the amount of budget from Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy;
  - (vi) the presence/absence of a management plan and when first drafted; and
  - (vii) when a management plan can be expected;
- (c) what percentage are these conservation areas of the total terrestrial area of the Kimberley region; and
- (d) when are the management plans for each conservation area due to be reviewed?

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**Answer**

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (a) There are 10 national parks, 17 nature reserves, six conservation parks, 25 *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) 5(1)(h) reserves, one CALM Act 5(1)(g) reserve; two miscellaneous reserves and three marine parks currently gazetted in the Kimberley Region.
- (b)(i)-(iii) [See Tabled Paper No. #].
- (iv) The annual management budget for the Kimberley Region in 2015-16 is \$8,255,627, which includes payroll, staff costs and operations. This budget is allocated across the reserves according to management priorities, including visitor risk management, conservation issues and opportunities, visitor services and fire management.
- (v) The 2015-16 budget under the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy is \$10,324,000, which is expended across existing and proposed reserves, as well as other tenures under a landscape-scale approach to managing fire, feral animals and weeds.
- (vi) - (vii) [See Tabled Paper No. #].

- (c) The existing gazetted terrestrial conservation reserves constitute 6.8 per cent of the total terrestrial area of the Kimberley Region.
- (d) Management plans prepared under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* generally have a term of ten years, however plans remain in force until a new plan is approved, unless they are revoked. The Lalang-garram/Camden Sound Marine Park Management Plan includes a provision to review the plan in five years.

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**TABLED PAPER – LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION ON NOTICE 4110**

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<b>Identifier</b>	<b>(i)</b>	<b>(ii)</b>	<b>(iii)</b>	<b>(vi)</b>	<b>(vii)</b>
R 39897	Purnululu National Park	National Park	239723.00	Final plan gazetted March 1996	Not applicable
R 39898	Purnululu Conservation Reserve	5(1)(g) Reserve	79602.00		
R 31107	Windjana Gorge National Park	National Park	2049.97	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 26890	Tunnel Creek National Park	National Park	91.05	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 28401	Geikie Gorge National Park	National Park	2896.50	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 43100	Geikie Gorge Conservation Park	Conservation Park	5332.00		
R 43099	Devonian Reef Conservation Park	Conservation Park	41371.04	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 43101	Brooking Gorge Conservation Park	Conservation Park	7967.39	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 46235	King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park	Conservation Park	391813.37	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 28538	Ord River Regeneration Reserve	Miscellaneous Reserve	567953.05	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 29457	Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater	National Park	1459.70	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 46232	Mitchell River National Park	National Park	115325.00	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 46233	Lawley River National Park	National Park	17572.00		
R 46231	Laterite Conservation Park	Conservation Park	12191.00		
R 46234	Camp Creek Conservation Park	Conservation Park	1267.00		
R 49691	Mijing Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	3048.37		
R 49694	Barrbem Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	14327.78	Draft management plan released March 2011	Finalisation of management plan is dependent on finalisation of lease, joint management agreement and establishment of joint management body
R 49678	Ngamoowalem Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	70310.87		
R 50329	Darrmalanka Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	412.75		
R 49696	Darrmalanka Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	28708.21		
R 49697	Goomig Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	14164.61		
R 50438	Darram Conservation Park	5(1)(h) Reserve	894.44	Final plan gazetted October 2012	Not applicable
R 42155	Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	35914.25		
R 31967	Ord River Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	79842.00		

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R 37883	Mirima National Park	National Park	2067.93	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 27244	Kununurra Arboretum	Miscellaneous Reserve	56.95	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 34585	Wiljim Nature Reserve (formerly Point Springs)	Nature Reserve	302.99	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 28968	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.06	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 37168	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.26	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 41066	Broome Bird Observatory	5(1)(h) Reserve	2.66	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 41775	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.24	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44669	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.03	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44672	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.40	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44673	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.11	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44677	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	0.11	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 46940	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	909.00	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 47964	Broome Wildlife Centre	5(1)(h) Reserve	5.00	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 48482	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	25.00	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 51046	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	37973.00	Draft management plan for the proposed Yawuru intertidal area released in June 2015	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations (reserve will become part of Roebuck Bay Marine Park)
R 51162	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	2510.43	Draft management plan for proposed Yawuru Northern Intertidal Area in preparation	Draft plan expected to be released for public comment in 2016
R 51105	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	333.00	Draft management plan for proposed Yawuru Birragun Conservation Park released in June 2015	Final plan expected to be gazetted in 2016
R 51583	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	4894.37		
R 51932	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	5807.10		
R 52354	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	7316.82		
R 51497	Un-named	5(1)(h) Reserve	130.45		
R 27164	Prince Regent National Park	National Park	576400.00	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 32853	Drysdale River National Park	National Park	448264.00	In preparation	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 7279	Lacepede Islands Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	180.25	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 22697	Browse Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	14.03	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 29541	Pelican Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	8.09	No management plan	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 29983	Coulomb Point Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	28676.00	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 33811	Bedout Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	30.71	No management plan	As priorities allow

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R 33832	Low Rocks Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	4.03	No management plan	Dependent on the outcome of ILUA negotiations
R 34257	Swan Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	29.03	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 34578	North Turtle Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	51.00	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 35918	Dragon Tree Soak Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	17729.00	In preparation	Draft plan expected to be released for public comment in 2016
R 42749	Scott Reef Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	11658.00	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44670	Tanner Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	1.18	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44675	Adele Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	217.48	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 44678	Lesueur Island Nature Reserve	Nature Reserve	57.76	No management plan	As priorities allow
R 50588	Un-named	Nature Reserve	18.99	No management plan	As priorities allow
M 3	Rowley Shoals Marine Park	Marine Park	87807.00	Final plan gazetted April 2007	N/A
R 42017	Rowley Shoals Marine Park	Marine Park	133.13		
M 15	Lalang-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park	Marine Park	673000.00	Final plan gazetted November 2013	N/A
M 16	Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park	Marine Park	125734.33 <sup>1</sup>	Final plan gazetted December 2014	N/A

<sup>1</sup> This is the area Eighty Mile Beach that lies within the Kimberley Region (Shire of Broome) and is gazetted. The park extends into the Shire of East Pilbara and Town of Port Headland. The area of the park within the Shire of Broome is proposed to increase to include the intertidal area, subject to an indigenous land use agreement.