

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – WRITTEN QUESTION 52

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

GRANTS AND FUNDING FOR NON-GOVERNMENT AND

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

1. Grant, program, project and operational funding provided in the year prior to 24 August 2012

| Grant Recipient | Program | Commitment (\$) | Paid (\$) Prior Aug |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Olive Pink Botanic Gardens | Botanical Gardens | 162,000 p.a. ongoing & paid in 4 instalments | 1st: 40,000 2nd: 40,000 |
| Greening Australia NT | Land for Wildlife – Top End | 100,000 p.a. | Aug: 50,000 |
| Low Ecological Services | Land for Wildlife – Central Australia | 50,000 p.a. [#] | nil |
| Frogwatch | Exotic wildlife management | 200,000 p.a. [#] | nil |
| Northern Land Council | Joint Management | 209,000 p.a & paid in instalments* | nil |
| Central Land Council | Joint Management | 416,880 p.a. & paid in instalments* | 5th: 167,325 |

*paid after reporting obligations met

[#]no payments made during reporting period

2. Grant, program, project and operational funding provided in the year following 4 December 2012 Mini-budget

| Grant Recipient | Program | Commitment (\$) | Paid (\$) Since Dec |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Olive Pink Botanic Gardens | Botanical Gardens | 162,000 p.a. ongoing & paid quarterly | Due 3 rd : 40,000 |
| Greening Australia NT | Land for Wildlife – Top End | 100,000 p.a. | Jan: 50,000 |
| Low Ecological Services | Land for Wildlife – Central Australia | 50,000 p.a. [#] | nil |
| Frogwatch | Exotic wildlife management | 150,000 [#] Contract ending March 31 | nil |
| Northern Land Council | Joint Management | 209,000 p.a & paid in instalments* | 94,542 |
| Central Land Council | Joint Management | 416,880 p.a. & paid in instalments* | nil |
| Conservation Volunteers Australia | Wildlife Grants | 7,272 (one year only) | 7,272 |
| The Environment Centre NT Inc | Wildlife Grants | 13,636 (one year only) | 13,636 |
| Greening Australia NT | Wildlife Grants | 18,181 (one year only) | 18,181 |
| James Cook University | Wildlife Grants | 6,363 (one year only) | 6,363 |
| Wildcare Inc | Wildlife Grants | 22,727 (one year only) | 22,727 |
| Wildcare Inc Alice Springs | Wildlife Grants | 12,727 (one year only) | 12,727 |
| Katherine Wildlife Rescue Service | Wildlife Grants | 10,000 (one year only) | 10,000 |

*paid after reporting obligations met

[#]no payments made during reporting period

3. Service or funding agreements currently or previously administered that have been or will be affected as the result of:

i. machinery of government changes, or the creation of new departments or agencies since 24 August 2012

No grant funding responsibility has been transferred to another agency.

ii. the implementation of measures contained in the 4 December 2012 Mini-budget

Territory Eco-Link funding will cease, resulting in savings of \$380,000 in 2012-13 and \$450,000 ongoing from 2013-14. The Government will continue to fund the Land for Wildlife component of the program and focus its efforts towards 'on park' service delivery.

The open component of the wildlife Environment grants will cease, resulting in savings of \$50,000 ongoing from 2013-14. The Wildlife Rescue and Care component of the wildlife grants will continue (\$50,000 ongoing).

4. Specific changes, amendments and monetary adjustments to service or funding agreements referred to in Q3.

Funding for grants to assist to deliver the Land for Wildlife programs in the Top End and central Australia has been retained by the Commission. The Land for Wildlife programs (delivered by Greening Australia in the Top End and by Low Ecological Services in central Australia) provide community members and businesses with advice and assistance to help them voluntarily manage conservation values on their land.

For 2013-14 funding will continue for the wildlife rescue and care component of the wildlife Environment grants. This program supports community call-outs and phone advice for injured and orphaned wildlife in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs and provides considerable value to the community.

Frogwatch funding (\$200,000 p.a.) will cease effective 31 March 2013.

5. Grant, program, project and operational funding that will be adjusted or diverted as a result of implementation of measures in Mini-budget on 4 December 2012

Territory Eco-Link funding will cease, resulting in savings of \$380,000 in 2012-13 and \$450,000 ongoing from 2013-14. The Government will continue to fund the Land for Wildlife component of the program and focus its efforts towards 'on park' service delivery.

Funding to the land councils for Joint Management Support will be reduced by \$360,000 from 2013-14.

Funding for the Indigenous Ranger Group Support Program will reduce by \$260,000 with the removal of positions from Dhimurru and Laynhapuy (the funding agreement with Laynhapuy expired in April 2011).