

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Question: 8-4
Minister, would you be able to find out whether the annual rental payments to traditional owners through the parks joint management scheme, will that be recorded in the annual reports for those parks?

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PRECIS

Only Garig Gunak Barlu (Cobourg) and Nitmiluk National Parks are required to produce formal annual reports and contained within those reports are the rental amounts paid to the land trust members.

EXPANDED ANSWER

There are currently a total of 32 parks under joint management arrangements.

These comprise 27 parks under the Parks and Reserves (Framework for the Future) Act (Frameworks Park) and another 5 parks that have been previously established under other arrangements.

Of the 27 Frameworks Parks, rental will be paid where title to the parks has been transferred to either an Aboriginal Land Trust (thirteen Schedule 1 Frameworks Parks) or a Park Land Trust (four Schedule 2 Frameworks Parks) and the park leased back.

Rental payments for these Parks commences on 1 July 2010, five years after the Framework agreements were settled. Under the Frameworks agreements, rent for the 17 eligible parks is paid to the Land Councils who distribute it amongst the traditional owners of those parks. The Joint Management Agreement states inter alia that Land Councils will report on the distribution of these monies through their annual reports.

The five other Jointly Managed parks under other arrangements include separate legislation such as the Cobourg Peninsula Aboriginal Land, Sanctuary and Marine Park Act and the Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) Act and local management committees established for Djukbinj National Park, Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) Conservation Reserve and Barranyi (North Island) National Park.