Estimates Committee 2008 Ouestions Taken On Notice

(17/6/2008 to 20/6/2008)

Date: 19/06/2008 Output: Parks and Reserves

Sub Output: Conservation

Management Programs

Subject: New Parks

From: Mr Gerry Wood MLA to Hon Len Kiely MLA

Minister for Parks and Wildlife

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Question: Minister, could you identify how many parks have been created since

2001? Does the government intend to create any parks in the future?

Answer:

Answered On: 19/06/2008 Answer: Since 2001:

Channel Point Coastal Reserve was declared in May 2005.

Owen Springs Reserve was established following the acquisition of the

Alice Springs Pastoral Lease in 2002.

The Heavitree Gap extension to Emily and Jesse Gaps Nature Park was

acquired and declared in 2002.

Proposed New Parks or Reserves and Extensions

An area of Woodgreen Pastoral Lease was approved for purchase in 2001 to create a new Conservation Reserve. DPI is assessing part of this area for horticulture before placing the remainder in the care of NRETA for management as a Conservation Reserve.

Davenport Range National Park (proposed) - extension to include Hatches Creek area when joint management of this park commences.

Gregory National Park - Wambardi Land Trust extension linking the eastern and western portions of the Park will be added to the park when the joint management lease is signed.

Keep River National Park - will be extended with the addition of part of Spirit Hills.

The western Alice Valley of Owen Springs Reserve will be added to the West MacDonnell National Park.