

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Tollner to Minister for Parks and Wildlife

**Territory Wildlife Parks Visitation**

1. For each of the Territory Wildlife Park and Alice Springs Desert Park:
    - (a) what was the attendance, by month, in 2007, 2008 and 2009;
    - (b) how many unique visitations were there in 2009;
    - (c) how much did the NT government contribute to the operation of each park in 2009;
    - (d) how much was spent on capital investment in each park in 2009;
    - (e) how much was spent on park maintenance in 2009;
    - (f) what was the total visitor revenue for each park in 2009;
    - (g) what proportion of revenue can be attributed to expenditure by interstate/international or local visitors;
    - (h) how many staff are employed at each park;
    - (i) what are the position levels for these staff, by park; and
    - (j) how much was expended in 2009 on work done by contractors at each park.
  
  2. For each other Northern Territory Park:
    - (a) what was the annual attendance, by park where numbers are available.
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# Answer

## 1. For each of the Territory Wildlife Park and Alice Springs Desert Park:

### (a) What was the attendance, by month, in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Territory Wildlife Park:

FY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
2006-07	12280	9661	6448	4919	2673	3279	6125	1764	2676	5723	5829	9241	70618
2007-08	14135	8156	7149	5758	2697	4350	5421	2213	4536	5090	7780	9775	77060
2008-09	13165	7769	6977	4153	2794	3708	5815	1716	2072	5551	6428	8925	69073
2009-10	12253	8164	5608	4879	2433	3281	3599	1818	2770	5408			50213

Alice Springs Desert Park:

FY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
2006-07	12168	11194	9031	7440	4452	3257	4215	3576	7321	5912	6796	8177	83539
2007-08	10463	7716	7806	6225	4101	3141	3058	3608	4755	5606	6572	7381	70432
2008-09	11651	7731	8270	5642	3808	2728	2990	2506	3951	6318	5972	7368	68935
2009-10	9957	6253	6969	5410	3059	2103	2396	2287	4937	4290			47661

### (b) How many unique visitations were there in 2009.

Territory Wildlife Park:

FY	LOCAL	INTERSTATE	INTERNATIONAL	TOTAL
2008-09	33251	27141	8681	69073
2009-10	18808	18218	6095	43121

\* 2009-10 only available up until April 2010

Alice Springs Desert Park:

FY	LOCAL	INTERSTATE	INTERNATIONAL	BUSINESS/ EDUCATION & NICHE	TOTAL
2008-09	15855	27180	20250	12080	75365
2009-10	6648	30198	14933	8932	60711

### (c) How much did the NT Government contribute to the operation of each park in 2009?

Territory Wildlife Park: Community Service Obligation funding of \$3 957 million

Alice Springs Desert Park: Community Service Obligation funding of \$3 958 million

**(d) How much was spent on capital investment in 2009.**

Territory Wildlife Park: \$306 558.15  
Alice Springs Desert Park: \$51 788.45

**(e) How much was spent on park maintenance in 2009.**

Territory Wildlife Park: \$456 210  
Alice Springs Desert Park: \$193 474

**(f) What was the Total visitor revenue for 2009.**

Revenue generated by visitors in 2009 was \$798 000 for the Territory Wildlife Park.  
Revenue generated by visitors in 2009 was \$888 790 for the Alice Springs Desert Park

**(g) What proportion of revenue can be attributed to expenditure by interstate / international or local visitors.**

Territory Wildlife Park:

LOCAL	INTERSTATE	INTERNATIONAL
48%	39%	13%

Alice Springs Desert Park:

FY	LOCAL	INTERSTATE	INTERNATIONAL
2008/-09	23%	47%	30%

**(h) How many staff are employed.**

1. There are 42 allocated positions at the Territory Wildlife Park; currently not all positions are occupied.
2. There are 46 allocated positions at the Alice Springs Desert Park; currently not all positions are occupied.

**(i) What are the position levels for these staff.**

Territory Wildlife Park:

EO1	P3	T4	T3	T2	T1	AO7	AO5	AO3	AO2
1	1	1	2	8	25	1	1	1	1

Alice Springs Desert Park:

EO1	P3	T5	T4	T3	T2	T1	AO8	A06	AO3	A01
1	2	1	1	5	7	26	0.6	1	2	1

**(j) How much was expended in 2009 on work done by contractors at each park.**

These figures are associated to all contracts sourced through the NTG Procurement process.

**2008-2009 Financial Year**

TWP: \$170 699

ASDP: \$280 433

**2009-2010 Financial Year**

TWP: \$228 409

ASDP: \$264 470

## 2. For each other Northern Territory Parks:

### (a) What was the annual attendance by Park where numbers are available?

Park / Reserve	Comment	2009 Visitor Figures	2008 Visitor Figures
<b>Darwin Region</b>			
Berry Springs Nature Reserve	Traffic counters located at entry point.	179 986	179 037
Casuarina Coastal Reserve	Traffic counters located at: Lee Point Dripstone Cliff	172 176 810 615	153 683 649 778
Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve	Traffic counters located at entry point.		82 014
Howard Springs Nature Park	Traffic counters located at entry point.	89 114	100 996
Litchfield National Park	Traffic counters located along Peninsula and Batchelor road.	275 473	263 885
Mary River National Park – Shady Camp Conservation Reserve	Traffic counter located along Shady Camp road.	18 843	17 575
<b>Katherine Region</b>			
Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park	Based on Cutta Cutta Cave Tour numbers.	16 332	15 827
Eley National Park (whole of Park figure)	Traffic and pedestrian counters located at Bitter Springs, Mataranka Thermal Pool and John Hauser Drive.	234 948	172 062
Gregory National Park (whole of Park figure)	Traffic counters located on Bullita Access Road, Joe Creek, Sullivan Creek and Big Horse Campgrounds.	27 552	21 352
Keep River National Park	Traffic counter located at entry point.	14 084	12 546
Limmen National Park - Hodgson River Crossing	Traffic counter located at Hodgson River Crossing.	9414	10 930
Nitmiluk National Park (whole of Park)	Traffic counters located at Katherine Gorge and Edith Falls.	264 031	240 200
<b>Barkly Region</b>			
Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve	Traffic counters located north and south of sealed access road.	111 527	95 908
Tennant Creek Telegraph Station	Traffic counter located at entry point.	7810	11 287
<b>Central Australia Region</b>			
Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	179 747	179 888
Arltunga Historical Reserve	Traffic counters located at Visitor Centre and Crossroads intersection.	11 628	11 055
Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve	Traffic counter located at entry point.	6643	5752
Finke Gorge National Park	Traffic counter located at entry to Palm Valley.	27 826	28 345
Rainbow Valley	Traffic counter located at entry	10 095	8861

Conservation Reserve	point.		
Trephina Gorge Nature Park	Traffic counter located at entry point.	21 191	20 997
Watarrka National Park	Traffic counters located along Luritja Road at two separate entry points.	245 791	219 065
West MacDonnell National Park (whole of Park figure)	Traffic counters located at Simpsons Gap, Ellery Creek Big Hole and Ormiston Gorge.	140 262	127 658