

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Mansion to the Minister for Parks and Wildlife:

#### Indigenous Ranger Groups

1. How does your agency support community-based Indigenous ranger groups and how many of these groups are contracted to provide management services in our parks and reserves? Can you list the work that they do for you and by location?

This Parks and Wildlife Commission do not fund individual Indigenous land managers, such as ranger groups but does however provide support and assistance where possible.

| Indigenous ranger group   | Nature  |
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| Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation   | Established under a section 73 agreement. The Commission has offered a representative to be appointed to the Advisory Group, assists in the training of ranger staff and provision of a Commission ranger to visit the area each year to help with other management support i.e. review work programs.  |
| Tennant Creek / CLC Ranger Group  | Currently contracted to provide cleaning services for Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve. Won this on a competitive tender process.  |
| Tjuwanpa Ranger Group (CLC)   | Have recently been contracted to provide assistance on routine park maintenance tasks in the Tjoritja/ West MacDonnell National Park. Have previously won maintenance and construction contracts and assisted on a range of land management tasks through the Flexible Employment Program, at Finke Gorge, Watarrka and Tjoritja/ West MacDonnell National Park.  |
| Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation  | Have recently been contracted to install interpretation signage in Holmes Jungle Nature Park. Also recently, two Indigenous Larrakia Nation rangers were given a development opportunity to work within Darwin / Urban Parks on a casual basis for six weeks under the Flexible Employment Program. Previous to this they have provided a multitude of fee for service work across Darwin / Urban Parks including; walking track maintenance, fencing and weed control. |
| Timber Creek Rangers<br>Dagaragu Rangers<br>Wardaman Rangers (Flora River Nature Reserve) | Working collaboratively with Judbarra / Gregory National Park.<br>Collaborated on BushBlitz (National biodiversity survey program) May – June 2015  |
| Jawoyn Rangers  | Working collaboratively with Nitmiluk National Park.  |
| Li-Anthawirryarra Sea Rangers   | Working collaboratively with Borroloola. Supporting each other on sea management activities.  |

The Commission has also included Indigenous ranger groups in its Indigenous Employment Strategy which states:

This data is to 31 March 2015

- ranger groups are encouraged to include the Commission activities in work plans and programs; and
- increased number of local Indigenous community ranger groups, traditional owners and the community engaged in management on parks and reserves.