

Division 47: Parks and Wildlife —

[Supplementary Information No A76.]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston requested the annual total, the annual achieved and the underachievement for the last six years of the controlled burn program.

Answer:

Year	Prescribed Burning achieved (ha)	Target	Shortfall (ha)
2014/15	147,082	200,000	-52,918
2013/14	78,234	200,000	-121,766
2012/13	23,468	200,000	-176,532
2011/12	103,165	200,000	-96,835
2010/11	136,746	200,000	-63,254
2009/10	212,017	200,000	12,017
Total	700,712	1,200,000	-499,288

[Supplementary Information No A77.]

Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire referred to service item 2, “Conserving Habitats, Species and Ecological Communities” on page 537 of the *Budget Statements* and noted a reduction of 48 staff between 2014–15 and 2016–17. The minister was asked to provide a list of roles for each of the 48 positions.

Answer: Page 537 shows FTE for Conserving Habitats, Species and Ecological Communities. The 2014-15 Actual FTE is shown as 476, with 2015-16 Budget and 2015-16 Estimated Actual both shown as 430 and 2016-17 Budget Target shown as 428.

Most employees of the Department of Parks and Wildlife work on more than one service during the course of each financial year. The time they record against each service is aggregated and reported as the FTE for the service. At service level there is no correspondence between an FTE and a position. Accordingly, it is not possible to identify 428 positions that comprise the 428 FTE for 2016-17, nor is it possible to provide a list of 48 positions that comprise the difference of 48 FTE between 2014-15 Actual and 2015-16 budget.

For the department as a whole in aggregate there is a correspondence between positions and FTE. The 2014-15 Actual FTE was 1,533 and the 2016-17 Budget Target is 1,450. The most significant factor resulting in the decline in FTE was the abolition of 50 positions of employees who accepted a severance under Targeted Voluntary Separation Scheme. These positions are listed below.

- Administration Officer
- Architectural Draftsperson
- Astronomical Officer
- Botanist
- Cartographic Officer
- Clerical Officer (2)
- Coordinator Community Involvement
- Coordinator Cultural and Community Programs
- Executive Assistant
- Executive Officer
- Finance and Administration Officer
- Housing Co-ordinator
- Information Services Officer
- Land Administration Officer

- Land Management Officer
- Lease Compliance Officer
- Licensing Officer
- Manager Health and Safety Section
- Marine Conservation Officer
- Personal Assistant Wheatbelt
- Policy Advisor Nature Conservation
- Principal Policy Officer
- Project Officer
- Property Unit Coordinator
- Receptionist
- Regional Planning Officer
- Research Scientist (2)
- Senior Environmental Officer
- Senior Environmental Projects Officer
- Senior Licensing Officer
- Senior Project Coordinator
- Technical Assistant (Feral Animal Control)
- Technical Manager
- Technical Officer
- Technical Officer (Land for Wildlife)
- Unattached Officer (11)
- Workforce Services Officer (2)

[Supplementary Information No A78.]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston asked: How many pieces of correspondence, reports or minutes has the minister received from the community reference group on wetland buffer guidelines?

Answer: There was no correspondence, nor any reports or minutes, received by the Minister for Environment from the Stakeholder Reference Group Stakeholder Reference Group for the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions.

[Supplementary Information No A79.]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston asked whether it is possible for the biodiversity audit, as a database, to be output as an ASCII file.

Answer: No. An ASCII text file format is not suitable for a dataset such as the biodiversity audit, which is highly structured and contains many different kinds of information. Management and interpretation of such complex and varied datasets requires the development of fit for purpose systems to ensure the best value is generated from that information.

[Supplementary Information No A80.]

Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire sought information about funding for each of the natural diversity recovery catchments for the financial year ahead.

Answer: Target budget allocations for salinity funding for 2016-17 for natural diversity recovery catchments are:

Lake Bryde: \$380,000

Toolibin Lake: \$430,000

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Mr Bill Johnston; Mr Chris Tallentire

Lake Drummond: \$30,000

Activities that benefit the natural diversity recovery catchments at Lake Warden, Buntine-Marchagee and Muir-Unicup are undertaken through delivery of elements of relevant reserve and area management plans, including the Forest Management Plan 2014-23, and the department's wetland conservation science program.