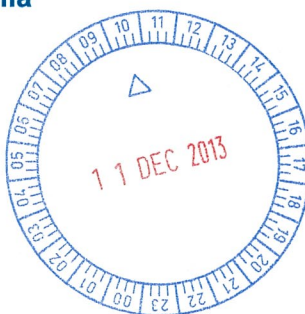




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Dear Ms Parsons

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE 2102/13 AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT  
HEARING - TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE**

In response to your letter of 27 November 2013, please find enclosed two transcripts of evidence for the Committee hearing held on 22 November 2013.

Dr John Byrne and I have each signed and initialled a copy of the transcript as requested. Dr Byrne has noted transcription errors on pages 2, 26, 27 and 28, and I have done so on pages 10, 11, and 21.

During the hearing, a number of questions were asked by Hon Lynn MacLaren relating to the budget for 'nature conservation branch' and the nature conservation budget. The Department of Parks and Wildlife has a Nature Conservation Service. It also has a Nature Conservation Division and Nature Protection Branch so the answers given may not be clear.

To clarify the matter, in terms of the Nature Conservation Service, page 66 of the 2012-13 Department of Environment and Conservation Annual Report shows that the total cost of service for 2012-13 was \$134.702 million and page 796 of the 2013-14 Budget Statements shows the 2013-14 budget estimate for total cost of service is \$142.175 million.

Yours sincerely

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10 December 2013

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