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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management

Redirection: N/A

Reference: Environment

Hearing Date: 31/07/2024

In relation to: Licenses to use parks and nature reserves

Question Lodgement Date: 01/08/2024

Date Answer Due: 08/08/2024

1. Can you provide an update on the status of the commercial licensing system for ACT parks? Specifically, if it is proceeding, what are the associated costs?
2. What is the current status of the nature tourism strategy? Has it been released/is it publicly available? If so please provide a link, if not why not? Is there any further funding in the current budget?

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. A commercial licencing system for ACT parks has not been implemented by the ACT Government as it remains under policy consideration. Whilst this work is progressing, the ACT Parks and Conservation Service regulates commercial activities through existing arrangements under the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013* and *Planning Act 2023*.
2. Due to competing priorities, the ACT Government does not have any plans to progress a nature tourism strategy in 2024-25. Any future work will be done with support of Visit Canberra and the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

Date: 31/8/2024

By the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA