



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2022 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2022 (No 2)
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Braddock MLA to ask the Treasurer

Ref: 2022-23 Supplementary Budget Papers Table 120 Page 119

On page 119 of the budget (Table 120), Parks and Conservation has had an increase of \$2.8 million in funding.

- (1) Please detail what this additional funding is for?
- (2) Does this represent an increase in funding to deal with invasive species including weeds?

Mr Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The movement of \$2.8 million refers to an increase in expenditure for the Parks and Conservation was to accommodate higher wage increases and adjustments in leave provisions, increased costs in forestry operations and depreciation.
2. The increase does not represent an increase in funding to deal with invasive species including weeds. The Directorate will however receive additional Commonwealth grant funding related to Pest Animal and Weed enhancement in 2023-24 as outlined on page 121 (Table 122). Funding will be \$250,000 p.a. for 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature: 

Date: 14. 3. 23

By the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA