

Sunday, 23 July 2017

QONS

Q 1

Mr SNOWDON: Could you tell us what your visitation numbers are currently, or what they have been in over the last couple of years?

Mr Bailey: We can table the numbers, if you'd like.

Mr SNOWDON: That would be great.

Mr Bailey: In round terms, this year around 326,000, I think.

Mr Misso: Yes, for the last calendar year.

Mr SNOWDON: Can you provide us with a longitudinal breakdown over the last 15 or 20 years?

Answer

See table -below

Q 2

Mr SNOWDON: How do your fees compare to other parks internationally?

Mr Bailey: I don't know if we've done that comparison.

Mr Baldwin: Not as yet.

Mr SNOWDON: Would you mind taking that on notice and coming back to us with?

Answer

Both Kakadu and Uluru are very competitively priced compared to similar World Heritage parks overseas. Stonehenge in the UK costs \$26 per day, Serengeti National Park in Africa costs \$72 per day and Machu Picchu in Peru costs a minimum of \$51. A visit to one of Australia's zoos can cost anywhere from \$60 to around \$180 for a family per day.

Q 3

Mr SNOWDON: In the terms of the original lease agreement, the Commonwealth assumes those responsibilities, does it not?

Mr Bailey: Yes.

Mr SNOWDON: The financial responsibility for the provision of those services is a Commonwealth responsibility?

Mr Misso: We might have to take that on notice. From what I recall, I do not think the lease agreement is that specific on essential services. It is more to do with supporting maintenance of Aboriginal tradition, which goes back to traditional owners and employment. So we will just have to take that on notice.

Mr SNOWDON: It would be useful for us to have a precise idea of where the responsibilities lie and why they lie there.

Mr Bailey: How they ended up with us?

Mr SNOWDON: Yes.

Answer

The park lease and management plan do not require the Director of National Parks to provide essential services for Mutitjulu community and in other Aboriginal communities essential services are provided by the Northern Territory Power and Water Authority. The provision of essential services by Parks Australia is a historical legacy, as the park was one of the organisations to establish a presence in Mutitjulu community and required power for the management of the park.

Uluru and Kakadu Visitation data

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
JANUARY	24715	25868	25792	31374	24970	26,131	28,065	31,899	20,647	30,948	17,817	18,310	15,651	13,389	15,641	13,974	13,500	15,296
FEBRUARY	22635	25155	26152	22241	22578	19,834	20,523	17,176	25,833	12,939	23,966	15,527	14,954	22,563	12,838	25,457	26,580	11,281
MARCH	34301	37455	30872	31319	30127	34,387	33,566	22,019	33,976	22,634	37,745	17,673	24,359	14,126	26,828	16,209	18,921	27,311
APRIL	32034	33892	32204	28171	25994	23,543	25,098	33,898	21,977	38,870	32,238	33,770	17,978	29,238	18,833	32,039	21,644	35,491
MAY	29131	34499	30051	33730	31674	32,771	32,210	20,372	20,444	16,334	25,718	21,010	25,419	16,998	31,177	18,169	22,507	21,233
JUNE	30686	26024	29230	23938	21884	23,394	25,128	33,011	31,537	18,384	15,443	19,145	18,788	17,808	19,564	22,342	40,268	26292
JULY	39209	42497	40936	32753	39735	31,498	38,895	29,219	30,335	48,422	24,337	35,256	23,487	23,498	27,017	41,306	35,387	
AUGUST	38168	43250	37363	40750	28600	38,353	27,595	34,596	26,414	22,588	22,470	21,078	29,363	32,605	35,458	22,889	28,384	
SEPTEMBER	30883	33195	34025	29688	35815	26,816	25,154	24,829	33,848	23,264	27,601	20,133	28,026	20,530	19,094	22,059	27,488	
OCTOBER	37118	35035	43348	38082	29810	33,910	37,075	25,574	29,774	36,171	24,605	30,492	17,008	28,868	30,778	19,781	47,241	
NOVEMBER	41128	32134	39753	24071	36283	31,127	31,843	38,181	17,080	26,327	20,981	27,568	28,274	15,568	16,432	28,232	17,356	
DECEMBER	27057	25311	21848	26311	18168	27,408	19,205	15,433	22,261	24,541	25,113	13,468	14,454	25,144	25,801	14,754	26,944	
TOTALS	387065	394315	391574	362428	345638	349172	344357	326207	314126	321422	298034	273430	257761	260335	279461	277211	326220	136904

2016/17 Financial Year

Entry Fees, Commercial Activities and Payments to Traditional Owners

52100	Entry Fees	7,445,533.43
52110	Entry Fees Discount Allowed	- 156,702.45
52120	Territorian Tickets Annual Par	55,816.60
Entry Fees		<u>7,344,647.58</u>
52320	Commercial Tour Permit Revenue	23,489.99
52330	Other Permits	29,188.34
52610	Commercial Tourism Licence	303,949.70
Other		<u>356,628.03</u>
Total		<u><u>7,701,275.61</u></u>
Revenue Payments made to Traditional Owners		<u><u>1,908,648.23</u></u>

Payments to Traditional Owners include 25% of all entry fees as well as 25% of commercial activity fees above a threshold amount.

Please note that the 2016/17 financial year financial statements have not achieved Audit completion status from the Australian National Audit Office.