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**Securing Tourism and Jobs in Kakadu funding**

The Prime Minister announced \$216.2 million over 10 years on 13 January 2019 to Kakadu National Park.

The funding was announced after the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) so the measure is reported in the Budget papers, but the funding is reported in the 2018-19 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement (PAES).

- this is why the Budget papers show no funding against the measure.

Of the Government's total commitment of \$216.2 million over ten years to 2028-29, \$151.2 million of this is within the current forward estimates period (to 2022-23) i.e. 70 per cent will be delivered over this financial year and the next 4 years.

The funding is allocated to four different streams, and is drawn from a range of sources, and each with a different treatment in Budget papers.

These four streams are

1. \$51.2 million towards growing tourism.
  2. \$70 million towards road improvements
  3. \$35 million towards remediation of Jabiru
  4. \$60 million towards a new World Heritage Kakadu Visitor Centre
- \$51.2 million over ten years to 2028-29 is allocated to growing tourism in Kakadu.
    - \$29.3 million is allocated within the current forward estimates period.
    - This funding will come from two existing sources:
      - : \$35 million from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy within the Indigenous Affairs Portfolio.
      - : The remainder will be funded by the existing resources of the Director of National Parks (DNP).
    - The allocation is shown in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018-19 on page 83.
      - : The numbers shown are net figures – that is, they reflect the total amount that will be spent, minus the funding that will come from the DNP and Indigenous Advancement strategy.
    - One of the early tasks is to develop a Tourism Master Plan for Kakadu, in consultation with Traditional Owners and others. Terms of reference have been developed and circulated to members of the Jabiru Steering Committee for input – Northern Territory Government, Energy Resources of Australia and Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation.
    - This will drive the timing for expenditure of the funding.



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- \$70 million is allocated to road improvements.
  - This is an allocation from the Infrastructure Investment Program managed by the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) and therefore isn't explicitly reported in Budget papers as it is an existing appropriation.
  - A roads strategy for Kakadu will be developed, in consultation with Traditional Owners and others which will drive the timing for expenditure of the funding.
  - DIRDC has allocated the \$70m to 2022-23.
- \$35 million over 8 years to 2026-27 is allocated to remediation of the Jabiru township
  - \$7 million is within the current forward estimates - reported in the PAES, page 14, and the PBS, page 42
  - The funding is allocated to the Department because the DNP, as a corporate entity, cannot directly receive administered funding, however this work will be managed by the DNP
  - In agreeing to the funding, the Government recognised that the first step is to work with all parties to agree on a remediation plan. The profile of the funding may be changed in response to what is agreed in the plan.
- \$60 million is allocated to a new World Heritage Kakadu visitor centre (to 2023-24).
  - \$45 million is within the current forward estimates
  - This funding is in the Contingency Reserve, because the DNP needs to work with the Traditional Owners and others to develop a business plan and investment proposal. The Funding will be released, and may be re-profiled, in response to that.
  - As with all funding in the Contingency Reserve, it is not specifically reported in the Budget Papers but it will be disclosed in the upcoming Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO).

**Forward Estimates Funding Profile (\$'000)**

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	TOTAL (FEs)	Funding 2023-24 to 2028-29	TOTAL
Growing Tourism	4,734	5,983	4,966	7,085	6,496	<b>29,264</b>	21,947	<b>51,211</b>
Remediation of Jabiru		1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	<b>7,000</b>	28,000	<b>35,000</b>
Kakadu Visitor centre			15,000	15,000	15,000	<b>45,000</b>	15,000	<b>60,000</b>
Roads (forecast)					70,000	<b>70,000</b>	0	<b>70,000</b>

**TOTAL (\$'000)**

151,264

216,211