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Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Cost of cleaning duck mess from forecourt pond.

Question P13, F&PA 46

Senator RONALDSON—It is. It seems to me that it [the forecourt water feature] is regularly being cleaned and I assume that it is the ducks that are causing this every night. I am wondering what the cost of that is...

Mr Nakkam—I would have to take those costs on notice. The activity is associated with the duck mess.

Answer

1 Since the water feature has been recommissioned, contract cleaning staff have been performing cleaning work to the external stonework twice weekly. This has been at a cost of \$360 per week and is largely due to the duck mess.

2 When in operation, the forecourt water feature is cleaned internally by Landscape Services for one day every fortnight. The cost for this is \$375 and occurs regardless of duck activity.

