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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 341

MS CLAY MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:

1. How many grasslands has the Minister listed as reserves this term and which ones.
2. When the Minister listed these sites, or when they are considering listing a site, do they consider whether they met the criteria for becoming a reserve; if so, what are those criteria, and are the criteria the most important consideration in whether to list a site.
3. When the Minister listed these sites, or when they are considering listing a site, do they consider whether Government has enough resources to maintain the site as a reserve.
4. What is the total budget for maintaining our reserves.

MINISTER ORR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. No grasslands have been listed as nature reserves during this term of Government. The responsibility for listing areas of the ACT as nature reserves is a responsibility of the Territory Planning Authority pursuant to the *Planning Act 2023*.

The Territory Planning Authority has completed a Minor Territory Plan Amendment that gazettes Block 403 Stromlo, and part Block 12 Denman Prospect as a nature reserves.

2. The *Planning Act 2023* describes the arrangements for the creation of new nature reserves.
3. Resourcing implications are considered when recommendations are made to the Territory Planning Authority about the creation of new nature reserves.



4. The operational budget allocation for Parks and Conservation Service in the 2024-25 Budget Papers, to manage the ACT's parks, reserves and unleased public land as per the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*, is approximately \$45 million.

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