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Brisbane, to Hirakawa Zoo, Kagoshima, Japan, for 7 to 10 days  
to oversee the rehabilitation of two of the female koalas gifted  
to that Zoo by the Queensland Government.

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FOR CABINET

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARTS, NATIONAL PARKS AND SPORT

KOALAS AT KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN

1. On 24th September, 1985 Mr. P.N. Robertson, Director, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, made a private visit to Hirakawa Zoo, Kagoshima, Japan, to check the mating behaviour of the koalas and the prospect of an announcement during my forthcoming visit to Japan about the birth of young animals.
2. Mr. Robertson returned immediately to Australia with reports and film which established that two of the Kagoshima animals were in a grave health condition.
3. A similar situation in Tama Zoo, Tokyo, where one animal died this week prompted the New South Wales Government to send the Assistant Director, Taronga Zoo, to ensure that adverse publicity was minimized.
4. There is still the prospect of rehabilitation with the Queensland gift. The most senior, experienced person available immediately for this is Mr. Peter Douglas, Manager, Lone Pine Sanctuary. He will be accompanied for the 7-10 day period by Saitama Zoo officials from Tokyo to ensure no repetition of this unfortunate management situation happens at Saitama. The opportunity will also be taken to assess the results of the breeding program.
5. It seemed to me that the matter should be addressed urgently and earlier this week I had discussions with the Honourable the Premier. Consequently, Mr. Douglas has today departed for Japan.
6. It is expected that the visit by Mr. Douglas will cost approximately \$3,800. Funds are available from National Parks and Wildlife Service Consolidated Revenue budget to meet this expense.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that approval be given for National Parks and Wildlife Service to send Mr. P. Douglas, Manager, Lone Pine Sanctuary, Brisbane, to Hirakawa Zoo, Kagoshima, Japan, for 7-10 days to oversee the rehabilitation of two of the female koalas gifted to that Zoo by the Queensland Government.

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NATIONAL PARKS, SPORT AND THE ARTS

Department of The Arts, National  
Parks and Sport,  
BRISBANE

27th September, 1985