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Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

What environmental benefits will be delivered by the Biodiversity Fund projects which are currently being funded?

Answer:

The Biodiversity Fund programme was terminated and unallocated funds were identified as saving associated with the repeal of the carbon legislation. While the reduction to the Biodiversity Fund budget means there are no future rounds being planned, the Government is honouring the contracted projects entered into by the previous Government.

The Biodiversity Fund aims to improve the condition, extent and connectivity of native habitat and manage the threat of invasive species in connected landscapes.