

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 6

Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates

Outcome: Outcome 2

Programme: Environment Quality Division

Topic: Container Deposit Legislation

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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

How many staff within Department of Environment, NEPC and SCEW have been involved in the development of the Consultation RIS for Packaging Impacts?

What has been the total cost for undertaking the Packaging Impacts Consultation RIS, the Packaging Impacts Decision Regulation Impact Statement, and the Options Paper (including staff costs, consultancies fees, the cost of organising and running public consultations)?

Please provide an itemised account.

Answer:

- Four staff from the Department of the Environment were involved in the development of the Packaging Impacts Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).
- The total Standing Council on Environment and Water (SCEW) budget for undertaking the Packaging Impacts Consultation RIS was \$512,934 (GST exclusive), of which \$256,467 was provided by the Commonwealth and \$254,467 was provided by the states and territories. Detail of the expenditure is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Consultation RIS SCEW Budget

Item	Cost (GST exclusive)
Consultancy research and economic analysis (includes development of options)	\$ 429,470
Public forum (venue hire and advertising)	\$ 39,663
NSW litter values study	\$ 12,000
ABARES Peer Review	\$ 20,000
Data entry CRIS submissions	\$ 8,148
Total Expenditure	\$ 509,281

- The total SCEW budget for undertaking the Packaging Impacts Decision RIS to date is \$297,935 (GST exclusive), of which the Commonwealth has contributed \$163,864 and the states and territories have contributed \$134,071. Detail of the budget is provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Decision RIS SCEW Budget

Item	Cost (GST exclusive)
Consultancy economic analysis	\$ 244,000
ABARES peer review	\$ 20,000
Public forum (venue and facilitator)	\$6,663
Legal advice	\$ 27,272
Total Expenditure	\$297, 935