

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

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**Programme:** International and Land Division

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**Senator Rhiannon asked:**

Regarding the International Forest Carbon Initiative (IFCI). The Department of the Environment states on its website that the government committed \$273 million to this fund, as Australia's vehicle for REDD-related initiatives.

As of June 30 2013

- a) Of the \$273 million allocated to IFCI, how much had been allocated by:
  - The Department of the Environment (previously the Dept of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education)?
  - Ausaid (or Aid)?
- b) Of the \$273 million allocated to IFCI, how much has been spent by:
  - The Department of Environment (or DIICSRTE)?
  - Ausaid (or Aid)?
- c) What were the specific budget measures on which the IFCI funds were spent?
  - How much of the IFCI funding was unallocated?
  - How much of the IFCI funding was not spent?

**Answer:**

The former Department of Innovation, Industry, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education and its predecessor climate change departments (the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and the Department of Climate Change) directly delivered \$40 million of the International Forest Carbon Initiative funding.

International Forest Carbon Initiative is the responsibility of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the remaining questions should be referred to DFAT.