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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Does the Department of the Environment (prev DIICCS RTE) retain its commitment to reducing deforestation in developing countries?

a) If so, what measures does it propose to take to further this goal?

Answer:

The Australian Government has committed \$1 million to holding an Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit, which will include rainforest nations and leading donor countries. The summit will look to identify practical ways of addressing structural and policy obstacles to tackling deforestation. The Department has commenced planning for the implementation of the Summit.

The Department leads work on the Global Forest Observations Initiative, which is establishing a global system to track changes in forest cover and estimate carbon sequestered in forests.

Australia will continue to engage in the international climate change negotiations on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and related forums, to promote agreed approaches that advance protection and sustainable management of forests.