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Senator Rhiannon asked:

What is the current interaction between the department and DFAT-Aid regarding the issue?

a) Will the department be ensuring DFAT-Aid (previously AusAID) retain its commitment to reducing deforestation in developing countries?

b) What measures does it propose to take to further this goal?

Answer:

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has responsibility for leading the international negotiations on climate change. The Department of the Environment works closely with DFAT on the negotiations on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and provides technical expertise on carbon accounting and estimation approaches for the land sector.