

Environmental Defenders Office
Responses to Written Questions on Notice from Senator Duniam
Nature Repair Market Inquiry

1. In the Federal Budget in October last year, EDO was initially awarded an amount of taxpayer funding of \$8.3 million over the forward estimates at that time by the Government. That funding now seems to have been channelled to EDO through a program called the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia Program.

(a) What is the total amount of money that has ultimately been allocated to EDO by the Government through that program?

\$8,247,000 over 4 years.

(b) What is the total amount of money that has been allocated to EDO through any other form of Albanese Government funding?

\$0

(c) What was the total amount of money that was allocated to EDO through any form of funding from the Rudd, Gillard and Rudd Governments when they were in office at the Federal level?

The last year EDO received federal funding was FY14. For information before that date please see our annual reports.

2. (a) For what specific activities and purposes is the at least \$8.3 million of Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia Program funding being used?

The funding will be directed to 3 areas: EDO's national legal advice inquiry line; projects to support the Government commitment towards no new extinctions; and our First Nations Program.

(b) For what specific activities and purposes is any other Albanese Government funding to EDO being used?

N/A. There is no other funding.

3. Since the October 2022 Budget, has EDO engaged in any discussions with the Albanese Government about potentially receiving more funding from them through the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia Program? If yes, on what date did these discussions begin – and what is the total amount of any extra funding that EDO has subsequently received?

Upon becoming aware that EJA was not seeking to access funding under the program, EDO indicated an ability and willingness to use those funds for the 3 areas identified. This has not progressed beyond the indication.

4. Since it was elected in May 2022, has EDO engaged in any discussions with the Albanese Government about potentially receiving additional funding to the amount it is already accessing through the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia Program? If yes, on what date did these discussions begin – and what is the total amount of any extra funding that EDO has subsequently received?

No.