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Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program Inquiry
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Dear Senator Whish-Wilson

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee at the inquiry hearing for the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program.

I wish to provide the below responses to the questions taken on notice at the inquiry.

QUESTION:

CHAIR: What kinds of administrative costs are there at GBRMPA for managing government-funded projects on the reef such as crown-of-thorns or others?

ANSWER:

Administration costs for the implementation of government-funded projects differ depending on the nature of the project. An example of such costs is the ten per cent allocated to administration in our current funding agreement for management of the crown-of-thorns starfish control program. The Authority also contributes in-kind support, varying from field management activities and marine park management knowledge.

QUESTION:

CHAIR: [...] Since the announcement, can you outline the resources that the authority has devoted to supporting the partnership and getting these processes up and running in recent months?

ANSWER:

The Authority has established a small team whose responsibilities include coordinating the Authority's partnership with the Great Barrier Reef Foundation. This team liaises with expert staff across the Authority more broadly where specific input is required. The team is made up of an EL2 (0.2 FTE), as well as part of an EL1 and APS6..

QUESTION:

CHAIR: [...] Could you take on notice then how many meetings you've had with the foundation since the announcement? [...] And how many you've had with the department about the foundation as well, please.

ANSWER:

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Authority staff have had four formal meetings with staff of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (8 May 2018, 25 May 2018, 27 June 2018 and 9 July 2018). The Foundation also presented at the Marine Park Authority Board meeting on 28 June 2018.

The Authority was represented at a meeting with the Foundation, the Department of the Environment and Energy and the Queensland Government Office of the Great Barrier Reef on 15 May 2018.

An Authority representative attended the Foundation's high level program design workshop on 8 June 2018.

COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION:

Dr Reichelt: Have you had a copy of the summit report?

CHAIR: No.

Dr Reichelt: We should give the committee that.

LINKS:

Summit Report: <http://hdl.handle.net/11017/3203>

Great Barrier Reef Blueprint for Resilience: <http://hdl.handle.net/11017/3287>

Summit Video: <http://hdl.handle.net/11017/3287>

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

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