

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio**

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**Senator Sheldon asked:**

Senator SHELDON: I appreciate that. For the last financial year, how much of the money has been expended, committed or unallocated?

Ms O'Connell: From the original \$34 million, appropriated in 2019?

Senator SHELDON: Yes.

Ms O'Connell: I'll ask my colleague to have a look at that. A significant part of that is the Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot. We're seeking applications for that trial right now. It opened on 12 April and will be open until June. We would expect a major part of those commitments to happen once the selection process for the trial takes place. I'm not sure my colleague can do it now, but we can also give you the per-year amounts over the forward estimates from the 2019 budget.

Senator SHELDON: That would be helpful—and encompassing the expended, committed and unallocated funds.

Ms O'Connell: Yes.

Ms Stuart-Fox: I'll get my colleague Anthony Bennie to provide that.

Senator SHELDON: Thank you.

Mr Bennie: In the current financial year, 2020-21, we have expended \$1.8 million and we've committed \$1.25 million, and there's an uncommitted amount of \$6.4 million, which is intended to be used for the current round of the Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot. Those applications are due to be received on 11 June 2021. Going forward into the future financial years, I'd have to do a separate breakdown on that. I'd have to take that on notice so I can provide the detailed figures for you.

Senator SHELDON: Thank you. That would be helpful.

**Answer:**

Expended, committed and unallocated funding from the \$34 million 2019-20 Budget Measure is shown in the table below, as at 17 June 2021 (all figures excl GST).

		2019-20 (\$,000)	2020-21 (\$,000)	2021-22 (\$,000)	2022-23 (\$,000)
Budgeted	Administered	4,050	9,546	9,542	7,786
	Departmental	950	704	708	714
Expended	Administered	4,050	2,600	0	0
Committed	Administered	4,050	300	750	0
Uncommitted	Administered	0	6,646	8,792	7,786