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Senator Urquhart asked:

When do you expect to hold another competitive round?

Answer:

The 20 Million Trees Programme is made up of two streams of investment and specific targets for investment in the Cumberland Woodlands and West Melbourne.

Under stream 1 of the 20 Million Trees Programme, the first competitive round has been finalised with 57 projects being funded at a total cost of \$4.5 million. No decision has been made on the timing for a second round under stream 1.

Under stream 2, a Request for Tender was issued to engage service providers capable of delivering larger-scale tree planting activities, preferably at the national scale or across three or more states/territories.

To deliver on the commitment in West Melbourne, a project worth \$5 million has been approved for funding.

A further competitive round to progress the Cumberland woodlands commitment is expected to occur in the coming months.