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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Senator WATERS:** Yes, around the IWC meeting; thank you. Can you tell me how many full-time equivalent staff there are in total and what is the budget from the department for the work that the department has done in concert with DFAT special task force on the reef?

**Dr Dripps:** We have to take that question on notice. As you would appreciate, we have a number of different divisions in the department that are making contributions and various parts of various officers' times, so we will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department has an ongoing team of 4.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff within the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division who manage Australia's overall relationship with the World Heritage Committee. This section's budget for 2014 – 15, including staff costs, is \$733,747 and supports engagement with the committee in relation to all of Australia's 19 World Heritage properties. A large number of staff across several divisions in the Department have responsibilities relating to the Great Barrier Reef. Some of these staff at times have engaged with the DFAT special task force.