

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 21  
**Hearing:** Additional Estimates  
**Outcome:** Outcome 1  
**Programme:** Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)  
**Topic:** Protecting National Historic Sites Programme  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

1. Can you tell us about the Protecting National Historic Sites Program?
2. Is this a competitive process?
3. How much of the budgeted spending has been spent, committed and how much is remaining over what period?

**Answer:**

1. The Protecting National Historic Sites programme will provide funding to support the conservation, restoration and protection of historic places on Australia's National Heritage List. There are 58 sites listed for their historic values on Australia's National Heritage List. Funding guidelines are being prepared for 2014-15 for the Protecting National Historic Sites programme.
2. Yes.
3. Funding of up to \$15.92 million (GST exclusive) is available over four years from 2014-15 for the Protecting National Historic Sites programme from the Heritage Grants appropriation. The following funding is remaining for the Protecting National Historic Sites programme: \$2.661 million (GST exclusive) in 2014-15 and \$4.42 million (GST exclusive) each year over three years from 2015-16.