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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. What about the National Trust Partnership Program? Can you give a brief rundown on how this works?
2. How much has been spent, committed and how much is remaining over what period?

Answer:

1. The National Trust Partnership Programme provides funding to the Australian Council of National Trusts (ACNT) to support activities that increase public awareness, understanding and appreciation of Australia's heritage. These activities deliver against a set of agreed strategic outcomes for the programme and deliver benefits to heritage nationally. The projects are delivered on behalf of the ACNT by state and territory National Trusts.
2. The Department has a three year funding agreement in place with the Australian Council of National Trusts from 2013-14 to 2015-16 which provides \$927,000 a year. The total value committed over the three years of the agreement will be \$2.78 million. For the current financial year the Australian Council of National Trusts has been paid \$800,000, with the remaining \$127,000 scheduled for payment 15 June 2015.