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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Topic: World Heritage Grants Program
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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. The World Heritage Grants Program - how is this spent?
2. How much has been spent, committed and remaining, over what period?

Answer:

1. The World Heritage Grants Program is designed to assist World Heritage property managers to manage Australia's World Heritage properties in accordance with Australia's commitment under the World Heritage Convention to identify, protect, conserve, present, transmit to future generations and, if appropriate, rehabilitate the outstanding universal value of each property. There are three types of project:
 1. baseline funding for the management of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area;
 2. eradication of rabbits and rodents from Macquarie Island; and
 3. to cover certain costs for Executive Officers and/or Advisory Committee/s at the following properties:
 - Australian Fossil Mammal Sites - Naracoorte (SA)
 - Australian Fossil Mammal Sites - Riversleigh (Qld)
 - Fraser Island (Qld)
 - Gondwana Rainforests of Australia (NSW/Qld)
 - Greater Blue Mountains (NSW)
 - Lord Howe Island Group (NSW)
 - Willandra Lakes Region (NSW)
 - Purnululu National Park (WA)
 - Shark Bay (WA)
 - The Ningaloo Coast (WA)
2. The amount committed for the period 2013-2018 is \$36,120,606. Of that, the amount spent to 1 March 2015 is \$15,677,276 and the amount remaining is \$20,443,330.