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**Senator Lines asked:**

Senator LINES: Thank you. So is it fair to say that the current focus of your work is really the planning in the way that you have described it?

Mr Archer: That has largely been the focus to this point of time, in terms of the NCCARF work program, yes. Obviously, we will move from a planning phase into a doing phase—or NCCARF will.

Senator LINES: Yes. You are not sure when, but you will give me dates for that?

Mr Archer: Yes. Certainly, again, we have some milestones established in our funding agreement.

Senator LINES: Can you give those milestones to me as well?

Mr Archer: I think that we will be able to do that, yes.

**Answer:**

The funding agreement with Griffith University specifies the milestones for the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF). The following is from Schedule 3 – Milestone Schedule of the funding agreement.

- Note that the deliverables for Milestones 1-5 have been received by the Department.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Milestone description</b>	<b>Delivery date</b>
<b>Financial Year 1</b>		
1	Signing of this funding agreement	13 October 2014
2	Delivery to the Department of a project plan for NCCARF activities	1 November 2014
3	Delivery to the Department of a monitoring and evaluation work program	1 December 2014
4	Notification of proposed hosting arrangements with selected adaptation network hosts	1 January 2015
5	Delivery to the Department of a stakeholder engagement plan	1 February 2015
6	Delivery to the Department of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A coastal user needs analysis report</li> <li>b) A state of play report, including a research scoping report (for the coastal tool)</li> </ul>	1 April 2015

<b>Financial Year 2</b>		
7	Delivery to the Department of:  a) An endorsed development plan for the development of the coastal climate risk management tool, including a work plan for years two and three for the coastal tool  b) A report on end user and research engagement and assessment of key policy questions to be addressed through synthesis activities	1 July 2015
8	Delivery to the Department of the annual report (2014-15) including an audited financial report	30 September 2015
9	Delivery to the Department of endorsed synthesis products (to be specified)	13 May 2016
<b>Financial Year 3</b>		
10	Delivery to the Department of a draft coastal climate risk management tool for refinement and consultation activities	1 July 2016
11	Delivery to the Department of an annual work plan for year three	30 August 2016
12	Delivery to the Department of the annual report (2015-16) including an audited financial report	30 September 2016
13	Delivery to the Department of an endorsed and operational final coastal climate risk management tool	28 February 2017
14	Delivery to the Department of:  a) Draft reports on the adaptation networks outcomes (2014-17)  b) Draft independent evaluation report of NCCARF Phase 2 (2014-17), including a final summary of stakeholder engagement activities (2014-17)	30 June 2017
<b>Financial Year 4</b>		
15	Delivery to the Department of:  a) Final annual report (2016-17), including an audited financial statement  b) Report on the adaptation networks outcomes (2014-17)	30 September 2017
16	Final, independent evaluation report of NCCARF Phase 2 (2014-17), including a final summary of stakeholder engagement activities (2014-17)	31 October 2017