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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: I just wonder how many offshore dumping permits have been approved this financial year and how many last financial year.

Mr Elliot: I would not have those statistics to hand.

Senator URQUHART: You do have them, though.

Mr Elliot: There would not be many; you would probably be able to number them on one hand. But I would have to take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Okay. Can you provide that to us? Thanks.

Mr Elliot: Yes.

Senator URQUHART: Thank you—the numbers, and also the detail on the approvals, for example, how much waste would be dumped in line with each of the approvals. Have any offshore dumping permits been refused so far this financial year?

Mr Elliot: Not that I am aware of.

Senator URQUHART: Can you check that? Thanks. ...

Answer:

No applications for the disposal of dredge material in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park were made (granted or refused) last financial year or have been so far this financial year.