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**Senator Singh asked:**

**Senator SINGH:** ... But I would like to know what the cost of each of these recovery plans is.

**Mr Andrews:** I have to be frank with you and advise that, if we gave you that, it would literally be the volume of money divided by the number of species. The reason for that is that each species has an extraordinarily different set of circumstances. Some species do not need money. ...

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**Mr Andrews:** All of this investment is to invest in and support recovery plans for species. This is before the additional \$51 million announced by Minister Hunt yesterday. Sorry, I have not had time to update my reports. The value of Green Army investments for recovery processes for our species is \$48 million. From 20 Million Trees it is \$30.2 million. From the 25th anniversary Landcare grants, there are 92 projects worth \$105 million supporting threatened species recovery. There is \$2.7 million from the first tranche of Threatened Species Commissioner projects, including the Commonwealth national parks supporting 12 recovery activities. There are 20 recovery activities supported by projects that were announced at the Threatened Species Summit worth \$6.6 million. Tasmanian devil conservation projects are valued at \$3.3 million. Turtle and dugong protection plans are worth \$5 million. The Nest to Ocean turtle program is worth \$3.5 million. The Raine Island recovery project is worth \$4.5 million. And then we have got \$30 million under the National Environmental Science Program's Threatened Species Recovery Hub. That brings it up to \$131.2 million. On notice I can go through and give you, project by project, line descriptions for each thing. ...

**Answer:**

This question was answered by Mr Andrews during public hearing on 4 March 2016 – see p 14, of Senate Hansard, Friday 4 March 2016. In addition, the department's response to Question on Notice 254 provides further information on projects that benefit threatened species.