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Senator Rice asked:

What has been spent by the federal and Tasmanian state government on the Recovery Plan in the years since 2010?

Answer:

The Department cannot provide a precise breakdown of expenditure in relation to actions that under the Recovery Plan that directly or indirectly benefit the giant freshwater lobster.

Between 2010 and 2015 the Department of the Environment (Commonwealth) provided approximately \$8.5 million in funding to the Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) group and \$9.5 million to the NRM North group, through the Caring for Our Country Program. Under the National Landcare Program, the Department has also committed approximately a further \$5 million to the Cradle Coast NRM and \$5.5 million to NRM North in funding that will continue through to 2018. Both of these NRM bodies operate in northern Tasmania and have undertaken activities that benefit the giant freshwater lobster.

The Department does not have information on Tasmanian Government expenditure in relation to the giant freshwater lobster.