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Senator Urquhart asked:

Is the government reviewing its land clearing emissions data and will publish updated figures in April or May? If so, why?

Answer:

The national inventory is subject to continuous improvement.

This year's inventory will be updated to take account of the latest science and technical advances, as well as data prepared by State agencies.

Estimates will be revised following the application of new clearing detection and biomass algorithms developed by the CSIRO to the Department's full archive of Landsat imagery and after taking into account data produced by the Queensland Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

The Department has exchanged letters with these State agencies to provide for better information flows between levels of government to ensure that the Department's inventory systems are as robust as possible.