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Senator Siewert asked:

Senator SIEWERT: I will put the rest of the fire questions on notice, as I do have quite a few. I want to ask a specific one about the budget for the management of Kakadu. Can you tell me what funding the Commonwealth provides and whether it has gone up or down, specifically about Kakadu?

Ms Barnes: I do not have the exact figures with me at the moment. I can provide them on notice, but I am not aware of any major decrease in the last few years. In fact, Kakadu has had an increase of funding for specific projects to implement the Kakadu threatened species strategy and also fire-management work.

Answer:

Funding for Kakadu National Park has remained relatively stable over the last three years. The recent increase has been allocated to implement fire management and threatened species projects in particular.

Kakadu Funding			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Operating Cost	18.8	20.5	20.9
Capital	4	3.6	3.3
Total	22.8	24.1	24.2