

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?

- a) List each project or piece of work
- b) List the staffing assigned to each task
- c) What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
- d) What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer:

Portfolio wide

Resourcing for the Department of the Environment and portfolio agencies since 7 September 2013 is set out in the Government's budget papers, including the *Environment Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15*, *Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2013-14* and *Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements 2013-14*.

As indicated in these documents, additional departmental resourcing was received only for the Green Army, Southern Ocean Flights, Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit, National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, Antarctica – Maintaining Australia's Presence, Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Programme and the Bureau of Meteorology replacement supercomputer measures.