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Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

- 1 In Estimates on 27 May the Director of National Parks indicated that 1,741 submissions had been received from people hoping to present at the World Parks Congress in November. Can you provide a breakdown of the themes of these submissions as compared to the 8 streams identified for the Congress?
- 2 Can you provide details on the funding set aside to assist delegates from developing countries to attend?

**Answer:**

1. The following table outlines the breakdown of proposals against each of the 8 programme streams. Of the original 1741 submissions, 1720 submissions were confirmed and 21 submissions were identified as duplicates.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>No. Submitted</b>
1 Reaching conservation goals	323
2 Responding to climate change	148
3 Improving health and well-being	133
4 Supporting human life	150
5 Reconciling development challenges	249
6 Broadening governance	382
7 Respecting Indigenous and traditional knowledge and culture	140
8 Inspiring a new generation	195
<b>TOTAL SUBMISSIONS</b>	<b>1720</b>

2. There are multiple arrangements to support the attendance of delegates from developing countries, including sponsorship and direct donations. These include:
  - significant discounts on registration fees for identified Indigenous persons, and those from developing countries;

- the provision of \$18,000 plus GST from the Australian Government, through the Australian Commission to the United Nations Environment and Society Organisation (UNESCO), to sponsor World Heritage property managers from developing countries in the Asia-Pacific Region to attend the Congress; and
- support from the Australian Government for 100 Indigenous Protected Area managers to attend the Congress.