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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: I know that we will get to the 20 million trees program a bit later on today, but how many trees would be in the 74,000 hectares?

Dr Dripps: I do not know how many trees that would be, Senator. Possibly we could make an estimate.

Senator URQUHART: I doubt that it would be 20 million. It would be less than that. Are you able to have a look at that and provide some information?

Dr Dripps: We will endeavour to do so on notice.

Answer:

The Department does not have sufficient data on the density and age of the vegetation groups within the 74 000 hectares proposed to be removed from the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area in 2014 to make an accurate estimate of how many trees it contains.