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Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Senator URQUHART: So, effectively, you will be providing information on how you are going to counter the information that has come from the International Union for Conservation of Nature?

Dr Dripps: We certainly have a different policy perspective, from the Australian government's point of view, than the IUCN does, yes.

Senator URQUHART: Can you tell us if there are further resources that are expected to be spent pursuing that request?

Dr Dripps: Senator, there will be a delegation from Australia that attends the meeting of the World Heritage Committee and that delegation has yet to receive its delegation instructions. However, I would anticipate that they would be to pursue the government's election commitment in having the area delisted.

Senator URQUHART: What would be the cost of that?

Dr Dripps: As I indicated, the delegation will be pursuing a number of objectives for Australia as part of that meeting. We can provide you with the membership of that delegation and the costs of their travel to the meeting. However, I would note that not all of their time will be spent on the Tasmanian matter.

**Answer:**

The Australian Delegation to the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee comprised the following Australian Government officials.

- Dr Kimberley Dripps (Head of Delegation, Department of the Environment)
- Mr George Mina (Australian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
- Dr Russell Reichelt (Chair, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority)
- Dr Kate Feros (Department of the Environment)
- Ms Anne Siwicki (Australian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

The estimated cost of travel for these officials is \$65,596. Final costs had not been acquitted at the time of writing.

In addition to the above Australian Government officials, the following Queensland Government officials participated in the Australian delegation, with all costs met by the Queensland Government:

- Queensland Government Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, the Hon Andrew Powell MP
- Mr Jon Black, Director General, Queensland Government Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
- Mr Adrian Jefferies, Queensland Government Department of the Premier and Cabinet