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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: Can you at least tell me how many are on the team that manages relations between the government and the World Heritage Committee?

Mr Oxley: There are approximately six people in that team who manage directly our engagement with the World Heritage Committee. But I would not want that to be in any way represented as the totality of our efforts directed around World Heritage; that is certainly not the case.

Senator WATERS: Okay, but it would have been helpful if you could have given more clarity about the totality of efforts.

Mr Oxley: I understand, and that is why I have offered to take the question on notice because I do not have precise numbers.

Senator WATERS: Thank you.

Answer:

As set out in response to May 2014 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 45, the duties of thirty staff of the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division included work relating to World Heritage. Four of these staff are focused on relations with the World Heritage Committee. A portion of the time of three senior executive officers also supports work in this area.