

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Programme:** Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)  
**Topic:** Reef Trust – terrestrial offsets  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Are offsets in the marine environment assessed differently to terrestrial offsets? Will they be?

**Answer:**

The Department of the Environment assesses offset requirements in the marine and terrestrial environments against the same standards. The *EPBC Act environmental offsets policy* applies offsetting requirements and is used by the Department to assess both offsets in the marine environment and offsets in the terrestrial environment.