

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Outcome: Outcome 3
Programme: Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)
Topic: AAD - Budget 2015-16 -capital items
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Senator Whish-Wilson, asked:

1. What the major capital items (greater than \$500,000) are?

Answer:

The Department of the Environment has a total Departmental Capital Budget (\$25.8 million) in 2015-16, page 93, Portfolio Budget Statements 2015-16 Budget Related Paper 1.7 – Environment Portfolio (PBS). This funding is then allocated internally to each Outcome within the Department, based on priority, for the replacement of existing assets, or new assets (if related to an equity injection). At the time the Portfolio Budget Statements are printed the allocations between Outcomes are only indicative estimates, subject to change once an internal prioritisation process has been completed by the Department. On page 66 of the PBS, Outcome 3 has an initial Departmental Capital Budget estimate of \$14.132 million.

The following major capital replacements (greater than \$500,000) commenced in prior years, and will continue in 2015-16:

- Casey Station – Accommodation Building – East Wing
- Casey Station – Incinerator Plant
- Casey Station – Waste Water Treatment Building and Plant
- Davis Station – Waste Water Treatment Building and Plant
- Davis Station – Emergency Powerhouse Building and Plant

It is also likely the following major capital replacements (greater than \$500,000) will commence/occur in 2015-16:

- Casey Station – Main Store (Refurbish)
- Davis Station – Loader (Heavy Mobile Plant)