

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

**Question No:** 224

**Hearing:** Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Agency

**Programme:** Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

**Topic:** Underwater Noise

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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Waters asked:**

1. Please provide an update on GBRMPA's work on creating a guideline on underwater noise which includes mitigation measures, since last estimates.
2. How many FTE are devoted to this task in GBRMPA?

**Answer:**

1. Work has not yet begun on a guideline for the Great Barrier Reef. Planning is underway to consider this work in the 2015/16 financial year.
2. GBRMPA does not have a staff member devoted to this task and allocates staff time as required. Allocation to this work for the 2014/15 financial year has been limited, estimated to be less than an FTE.