

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

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**Senator Rice asked:**

**Senator RICE:** Does your tree planting—your assessment of their likelihood of survival—take into account soil health? I am told there is observed decline and premature death of normally long-lived trees in urban areas.

**Mr Sullivan:** I would have to take that on notice in terms of the absolute inner-urban proposals. Let me take that on notice.

**Answer:**

To date the assessment of the likelihood of tree survival takes into account a range of matters including the organisation's capacity to deliver, landscape context, climatic conditions, the appropriateness of the plantings, and monitoring and maintenance activities. The assessment of soil health is not taken into consideration by the Department however grant recipients and service providers may take account of this prior to selecting planting sites and during revegetation projects.