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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

In terms of the total funding of the National Landcare Program, 20 Million Trees and the Green Army, how much of that is being directed toward recovery actions for commonwealth listed species and ecosystems and other protected matters?

How much of that total funding is being directed toward enduring change in land management arrangements as opposed to temporary contracts?

**Answer:**

The total investment across the National Landcare, 20 Million trees and Green Army programmes for projects that have explicitly referenced contributions to threatened species or threatened ecological communities in their application or project planning documentation is over \$250 million to date. The Department expects that a significant number of additional National Landcare Programme, 20 Million Trees and Green Army projects will deliver threatened species outcomes. Examples of such projects are as follows:

***National Landcare Programme***

- The regional delivery component of the National Landcare Programme has 124 sub-projects (of a total 282) across the country worth over \$192 million, specifically contributing to threatened species or threatened ecological community conservation.
- At least 92 of the 291 successful 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Landcare Grants will address threatened species protection or recovery as part of their on-ground activities. These 92 projects total over \$1.5 million of funding.

***20 Million Trees***

- A total of 54 (of 58) projects funded under Round One of the 20 Million Trees Programme are contributing to threatened species or threatened ecological community conservation. This represents \$9.2 million allocated to threatened species outcomes via habitat restoration and improving the extent, connectivity and condition of native vegetation.
- The national service provider component of the 20 Million Trees Programme has 22 projects planting 6.75 million trees, totalling \$16.3 million, contributing to threatened species or threatened ecological community conservation actions.

## ***Green Army***

- The first two rounds of the Green Army funded 157 projects with a primary focus to protect and conserve threatened species or ecological communities, migratory species, regionally significant species. The Commonwealth contribution to these projects is \$30 million.