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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

**Ms Olsson:** We have a set of research priorities which have been formalised, which I do not have in front of me, but the research plan that goes to those is still under consideration.

**Dr Wright:** All the hubs are operating on the same schedule for the initial plans and then the substantive plans in October; so each hub is operating on the same time frame. There is a high level description of the expected nature of research for each hub in the guidelines which are in the public domain. We would be happy to provide them to you.

**Senator URQUHART:** Okay—if you could provide them and maybe the priorities. Are you saying that it is October before they are finalised?

**Answer:**

The NESP Programme Guidelines and the NESP Research Scope are available at [www.environment.gov.au/nesp/about](http://www.environment.gov.au/nesp/about). The NESP Research Priorities for 2015 are also available from this website. Version 2 hub Research Plans are due to be submitted to the Department of the Environment in October 2015.