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**Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:**

**Senator SIEWERT:** I want to know how much of the National Landcare Program is funded out of the Natural Heritage Trust?

**Ms Campbell:** As flagged earlier, the National Landcare Program covers a number of appropriations. I misspoke earlier in the hearing when I said that the Natural Heritage Trust was \$1 billion over four years; it is the National Landcare Program that is \$1 billion over four years. Under the National Landcare Program, within this portfolio we have the Natural Heritage Trust, which is \$929 million over four years to 2017-18, and we have the Environmental Stewardship Program, which is \$46 million to 2017-18. Then within the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources we have the National Landcare Program—it is an interesting name—at \$25 million over the four years—

**Senator SIEWERT:** That is the actual Landcare program?

**Ms Campbell:** It includes the National Resource Management trust, but in the agriculture budget papers it is called the National Landcare Program as well, which is a subcomponent of what we would call the National Landcare Program—it is confusing.

**CHAIR:** Senator Siewert, I am going to have to cut it off there because we are now chewing into the last bit of the Labor Party's question time.

**Senator WATERS:** Can we let the witness finish her answer?

**CHAIR:** Okay. I have just been advised that we have a little more time.

**Senator SIEWERT:** Ms Campbell, can you take that on notice?

**Ms Campbell:** Yes.

**Answer:**

This question was answered in session on 5 May 2016 as recorded in the Hansard transcript page 99 – 100.

**“Ms Campbell:** The National Landcare Program is fully allocated, so all funding within the Natural Heritage Trust to 2017-18 has been allocated to a range of programs which include reef, regional, Indigenous protected areas, world heritage funding. Beyond 2017-18, the only allocations are the ones that were announced in this budget, which are reef, 20 Million Trees and emerging priorities.

**CHAIR:** I just want to clarify with Ms Campbell: you have provided the table; was it your intention to table these?

**Ms Campbell:** I am happy to table that, yes.

**CHAIR:** Is the committee happy for the figures to be tabled? Thank you. Senator, we are just about to run out of time, and Senator Back does have some questions.”