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Senator Urquhart asked:

Can the Department confirm whether any Indigenous Ranger work, including specifically Indigenous Ranger wage or coordinator funding, is being currently funded from the National Landcare Program Biodiversity Fund?

Answer:

The Indigenous Ranger program is funded by through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The National Landcare Program provides supplementary funding for eight Indigenous Rangers grants over three years to 2017-18. In addition to this funding, Indigenous Rangers are delivering important conservation outcomes in projects funded by the Biodiversity Fund and the National Landcare Program.