

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Topic:** 20 Million Trees program  
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**Senator Rice asked:**

Is data collected on tree health and survival rates, following plantings?

- a. If so, can that data be made available?
- b. If not, how can grant recipients be supported to monitor and encourage meaningful tree data collection?

**Answer:**

- a. Data on survival rates is collected and reported using the Department's Monitoring Evaluation Reporting Improvement Tool (MERIT) at <https://fieldcapture.ala.org.au/>