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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Singh asked:

Are those marine reserves without management plans still considered a part of the National Reserve System?

Answer:

Commonwealth marine reserves have been established as part of Australia's National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas (NRSMPA) and all Commonwealth marine reserves are considered part of the NRSMPA irrespective of whether they have a management plan in place or not. It should be noted that the NRSMPA is considered separate from the National Reserve System, which is the network of protected areas over land and inland freshwater.