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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: I want to go back to a question about the World Heritage. The documents that were tabled this morning included \$150,000 for UNESCO. I might have to refer this question to you, Dr de Brouwer. It states in that documentation that a one-off grant was for World Heritage. Can you tell us exactly what that was for?

Dr de Brouwer: We might have to take that one on notice. I am sorry.

Senator URQUHART: So you do not know what the \$150,000 for UNESCO was for?

Dr Dripps: Thank you for the question, Senator. We do, from time to time, place funds in trust with UNESCO for relevant World Heritage projects. What we would have to take on notice is precisely which projects that funding was to be allocated for.

Answer:

As part of Australia's continuing implementation of and support for the World Heritage Convention, \$150,000 was granted to UNESCO and placed in the Australia Fund in Trust. The World Heritage Centre will administer the funding for the development of Policy Guidelines for the World Heritage Convention as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in Cambodia, 2013 (decision WHC37.COM.13).