

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 90  
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**Programme:** Environment Assessment and Compliance Division  
**Topic:** AQUIS GREAT BARRIER REEF RESORT  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Which division/branch of the Department is responsible for the Aquis project?

- a. How many staff are allocated
- b. What do they do
- c. What are their roles
- d. How much of their time do they spend on this
- e. Has the Dept got the resources to do the work needed on this project (go to Abbott cuts)

**Answer:**

- a-d. The Aquis project is one of several assessments allocated to the Queensland and Sea Dumping Assessment Branch officer in the Department's Environment Assessment and Compliance Division.

As this project is being assessed under a one-off accreditation by the Queensland Government, the Department will further assess the projects' impacts, avoidance and mitigation measures on matters of national environmental significance upon receipt of the Coordinator-General's assessment report, and prepare proposed and final decision documentation for the Minister/delegate.

The Department's assessment officers work across a range of projects, the number of staff involved and time spent will vary depending on the stage of the assessment process.

- e. Yes