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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: The Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee has four positions vacant, I understand; is that correct?

Mr McAllister: That is correct.

Senator URQUHART: How long have they been vacant?

Mr McAllister: Again each individual one would be different.

Senator URQUHART: Do you want to take that one on notice and give us some more details?

Answer:

The membership of the Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee is prescribed under s22(c) of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978* as comprising:

- a Chairperson appointed by the Minister;
- one member, with scientific or technical qualifications, appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council; and
- such other members as are from time to time appointed by the Minister.

At the start of 2014, the Committee comprised 14 members. Since that time four members have left the committee. The mix of skills and appointments are currently subject to consideration.

The committee continues to provide advice on research and protection of the environment in the Alligator Rivers Region.