

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

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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. What has been achieved for the environment through the Green Army?

Answer:

Each project must align with at least one of the four Green Army investment priorities. Of the 748 approved Green Army projects, 153 are focussed on protecting and enhancing aquatic ecosystems, 98 are focussed on protecting and conserving Australia's national and/or World Heritage listed places, 277 are focussed on increasing the area, linkages between and condition of Australia's native vegetation and 220 are focussed on protecting and conserving listed threatened species or ecological communities and their habitat.

The environmental outputs of Green Army projects are reported through an online monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement tool (MERIT), which has been developed in collaboration with the Atlas of Living Australia. Programme level data is already viewable by the public available through the dashboard available on the MERIT homepage: <https://fieldcapture.ala.org.au/>.