Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Senator Urquhart, asked:

1. How will expenditure of funds as offsets through the special account be managed?

Answer:

 The expenditure of offset funding through the Reef Trust Special Account will be managed in accordance with the *Public Governance*, *Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, the *Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*, and the *Guidelines for the Management of Special Accounts*. It will also be managed in line with funding arrangements as agreed by the Department with approval holders and delivery agencies, to meet the relevant condition of approval.