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Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. At page 94 of Tuesday's budget estimates it was stated that even though budget issues had delayed the cultural heritage study of the Tasmanian Wilderness, hopes were to get it kick-started "very soon". Has the allocation been funded yet? If not, why not and what is the timeframe?

Answer:

On 27 May 2015 the Minister for the Environment announced funding of \$575 000 to undertake further study and consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community in order to develop a more detailed understanding of the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The funding is being provided to the Tasmanian Government through a Project Agreement under the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.