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Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:

Senator CHISHOLM: What about identifying how much money has been spent since the election and how much is left over in terms of forward estimates?

Ms Parry: All the numbers that I have quoted are from 2014 on with the exception of the reef program, which started in 2013, but it carries on until 2017-2018, so all of those numbers I have quoted—I am happy to repeat them again if you like—are quoted from 2014 onwards through the forward estimates.

Senator CHISHOLM: Is it possible to identify how much money is left in each of those programs?

Ms Parry: Yes, it is. Again, I am happy to come back to you on that. The reef program is fully allocated, but we can give you a breakdown of the other programs as at current date.

Answer:

The Reef Program is fully committed with all projects due for completion in June 2018.

Of the \$210 million allocated to the Reef Trust, as at 7 November 2016 \$101.087 million has been committed. This includes projects under the first three investment phases and a component of phase four investments. A further \$38.85 million has been allocated to the remaining projects under phase four.

\$343,000 in funding from the Reef Trust has been allocated over years 2015-16 to 2018-19 to support the operation of Reef 2050 advisory bodies such as the Independent Expert Panel.