

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

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**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me how much funding is allocated to the environment programs by the government?

Mr Thompson: In 2016-17 we have an administered funding allocation of \$453.914 million. Departmental funding in 2016-17 is \$380.8 million.

Dr de Brouwer: That is the departmental administered and the environment and energy department's departmental expenses. There is also a range of funding through portfolio agencies. So that does not include, for example, the Emissions Reduction Fund run through the Clean Energy Regulator. It does not include the operations of the Bureau of Meteorology. Senator URQUHART: So that is what is allocated to environment programs?

Dr de Brouwer: That is right.

Senator URQUHART: Can you get us a breakdown of all those with the additional ones that you have just raised?

Mr Thompson: We will get that on notice.

**Answer:**

**Department of the Environment and Energy**

Details of funding allocated to the Department are outlined in the Environment Portfolio's 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements. This includes the expenditure of funds by program and sub-program under each outcome in table 2.1.1 to 2.4.1. The portfolio budget statements can be found on the Department's website: <http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/budget-statements>.

**Sydney Harbour Federation Trust**

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust wish to provide a nil response.

**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**

The Environment Portfolio Budget Statements 2016-17 and Great Barrier Reef Annual Report 2015-16 outline and breakdown funding for environment programs for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. The Portfolio Budget Statements can be found on the Department's website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/budget-statements>. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Annual Report 2015-16 can be found online at: <http://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3059>.

### **Clean Energy Regulator**

Details of funding allocated to the Clean Energy Regulator are outlined in the Environment Portfolio's 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements. The Portfolio Statements are available on the Clean Energy Regulator's website:

<http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/About/Accountability-and-reporting/Budget/budget-2016-17>.

### **Director of National Parks**

The Director of National Parks' estimated funds from Government in 2016-17 is \$43,448,000. Further information can be found in the 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Papers (pages 201-217).

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/budget-statements>.

### **Climate Change Authority**

The 2016-17 departmental appropriation is \$2.563 million. The 2015-16 departmental appropriation was \$3.561 million.

### **Bureau of Meteorology**

In 2016-17, the Bureau of Meteorology received a departmental appropriation of \$1.362 million for the National Plan for Environmental Information.