

**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:**

I note that Environment Ministers agreed in December to progress potential world heritage nominations. What has happened since December?  
How much funding is allocated to these processes?

**Answer:**

- 1) The Australian Government, as a State Party to the World Heritage Convention, is responsible for the preparation and management of Australia's World Heritage Tentative List. State Governments are responsible for preparing submissions to the Tentative List.

Since December 2015 the Department has been working closely with the Victorian Government and the Gunditjmarra Traditional Owners to finalise the submission on Budj Bim for the Tentative List.

The Department is also providing technical advice to the Queensland Government in relation to Cape York. At this stage the focus of the Queensland Government is on consultation with Traditional Owners prior to preparing a submission to the Tentative List.

- 2) No new funding has been allocated to these processes. Residual funds from a previous World Heritage process may be allocated to Queensland to support their current project, but have not been released as yet.
  - \$500,000 from the 2012-13 Commonwealth run World Heritage process for Cape York was transferred to the Queensland Single Holding Account managed by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. The Department is currently working through the administrative arrangements to release these funds for use in Traditional Owner consultation.