

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator Rachel Siewert  
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**Question:**

Is there still a commitment to \$12.4 m in additional funding for Indigenous Ranger groups for biosecurity work? What is the funding framework for that commitment? How many years out does it extend?

**Answer:**

The Government is committed to implementing the \$12.4 million measure to expand biosecurity activities for Indigenous ranger groups in northern Australia, announced following the release of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia.

The funding will be used for Indigenous ranger groups to undertake biosecurity activities such as surveillance, specimen collection and sentinel herd management through fee for service contracts. Funding will also be provided for training and development of Indigenous rangers.

The funding will be allocated through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources over four years from 2015–16 to 2018–19.