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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: I would like to ask a question on the National Environmental Research Program. Can you confirm that the National Environmental Research Program has 107 projects?

Mr Flanigan: The environmental research program funds five research hubs around the country: one in North Queensland, one in Darwin, another one based mostly out of Brisbane in Queensland, and two based out of Tasmania in partnership with the Tasmanian university. Each of those hubs has a program of work that they are contracted to deliver. I am afraid I do not have the details before me that would confirm, but there are 107 individual projects. As I say, each hub has a number of programs and projects that they run with individual researchers and scientists operating each of those projects.

Senator URQUHART: Would you be able to take on notice and confirm the number of projects but also a full list of those projects? Could you provide that on notice?

Mr Flanigan: I think we could do that.

Answer:

The National Environmental Research Program (NERP) funds 123 projects across five multi-institutional research hubs and other research providers. A list of all 123 projects is at **Attachment A**.

A summary of the number of projects funded within the National Environmental Research Program is provided in the table below.

Research Provider	NERP Hub Projects	NERP 'emerging priorities' Projects	Total
Tropical Ecosystems Hub	39	0	39
Marine Biodiversity Hub	10	1	11
Northern Australia Hub	16	1	17
Environmental Decisions Hub	32	2	34
Landscapes and Policy Hub	8	0	8
Other	n/a	14	14
Total			0