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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: What is the average time frame for assessment processes in each state?

Dr Bacon: I am not sure that we have that information to hand.

Senator URQUHART: If you need to take it on notice, that is fine.

Dr Bacon: We can check to see if we have the information about the time it might take. Do you mean for state assessment processes, Senator?

Answer:

The Department of the Environment does not collect this information. Each state and territory government has its own timeframes under its own legislation that deals with environmental matters. Addressing this question would consume significant time and resources for the Commonwealth and state and territory governments and would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the Department from its operations.