

**Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts**

**Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Environment and Heritage**

**Environment Australia**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2000-2001, (23/11/00)

**Outcome 1,**

**Question: 114**

**Division: Portfolio Strategies Group**

**Topic: Financial Cost of Environmental Degradation**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Tabled**

Senator Bishop asked:

Has the department conducted any assessment of the cost of arresting environmental degradation in Australia?

Answer:

No

**Outcome 1,**

**Question: 115**

**Division: Portfolio Strategies Group**

**Topic: Financial Cost of Environmental Degradation**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Tabled**

Senator Bishop asked:

If so, what was the estimate of the public funding required?

Answer:

Not Applicable

**Outcome 1,**

**Question: 116**

**Division: Portfolio Strategies Group**

**Topic: Levy for Environmental Degradation**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Tabled**

Senator Bishop asked:

Has the Minister or the department considered a levy to cover the cost of land and water repair?

Answer:

Various funding models - including levies - have been put forward for funding environmental repair. The department has not given detailed consideration to a levy.