

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 25, 26 MAY 2005 - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Natural Resource Management Division

Question: NRM 01

**Topic: National Action Plan on Salinity and Water Quality and the
Natural Heritage Trust**

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Senator Stephens

Could you provide the committee with a list of who is doing the work; details of the consultants and the budgets for each of those reviews. Is that possible?

Answer:

Two contracts have been signed to date.

A contract to undertake the evaluation of biodiversity outcomes of regional investment was signed with Griffin NRM Pty Ltd on 29 April 2005. The contract is for \$164,592.00 (including GST).

A contract to undertake the evaluation of invasive species (weeds) outcomes of regional investment was signed with CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems (Brisbane) on 31 May 2005. The contract is for \$90,265.47 (including GST).

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Question: NRM 02

Topic: EMS Pilot Programs

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Senator Stephens asked:

Do you anticipate that the people who have been doing the preliminary reviews will do the final review for you?

Mr Thompson—We would anticipate that, similar to other reviews, each person undertaking the pilot would do an assessment of what they learnt, what they achieved, and complete that by way of progress and completion reports. We have a project manager in a firm overseeing and helping us to manage those programs and providing reports on that. That will feed into the process. We have not determined what sort of process we will use to review the outcomes of the program; it may involve an independent look or it may involve using internal resources.

Ms Tomlinson—Halfway through the life of the pilots, there was a review of the program. That was completed at the end of 2004. One of the cross-learning activities that we had was an annual pilot forum that was held in March 2005. Ian Thompson mentioned that we had a list of the MBI pilots; we have a similar list of the EMS pilot programs that we could provide to you.

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Answer:

Please find attached a copy of the MBI and EMS pilot programs.

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The National Market Based Instruments Pilots Program

ID	Recommended Pilot	Budget	Lead organisation	NAP region
8	New Land Management Practices through Conservation Insurance	\$100,000	Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, SA	Lower Murray SA
10	Cap and Trade for Salinity: Property Rights and Private Abatement, a Laboratory Experiment Market	\$133,000	Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Victoria	Lower Murray SA
16	Green Offsets for Sustainable Regional Development	\$400,000	NSW Environment Protection Authority	Murray; Macquarie- Castlereagh; Namoi-Gwydir NSW
18	Establishing East-west Landscape Corridors in the Southern Desert Uplands	\$100,000	Desert Uplands Build-up and Development Committee	Fitzroy-Burdekin QLD
20	Multiple-outcome auction of landuse change	\$636,000	Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Victoria	Goulburn-Broken VIC
21	Auction for Landscape Recovery, Southwest Australia	\$495,000	World Wildlife Fund for Nature, Australia	Avon WA
26	Catchment Care – Developing an auction process for biodiversity gains and water quality outcomes	\$185,000	Onkaparinga Catchment Water Management Board	Mt Lofty- Kangaroo Island – Northern Agricultural District SA
33	Tradeable Net Recharge Contracts in the Colleambally Irrigation Area	\$344,649	CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems	Lachlan- Murrumbidgee NSW

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46	Farming Finance: Creating Positive Landuse Change with an NRM Leverage Fund	\$1,530,000	Greening Australia	South Coast; Lachlan- Murrumbidgee WA, NSW
53	Establishing the Potential for Offset Trading in the Lower Fitzroy River	\$120,000	Central Queensland University	Fitzroy-Burdekin QLD
57	Recharge Credit Trade	\$360,000	CSIRO Land and Water	Avoca-Loddon- Campaspe VIC

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Environmental Management Systems Pilots Program

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The Mount Lofty Ranges Watershed EMS Project	\$481,000	Apple & Pear Growers Association of South Australia	Horticulture - Apple, Pear, Cherry, Grapes	SA
Australian Land Management Systems EMS Pilot Trial	\$331,100	Australian Landcare Management Systems	Dryland mixed grazing and cropping, Sheep, cattle, pigs, poultry, viticulture	SA VIC
Blackwood EMS Pilot - 'Combining profitability and sustainability'	\$251,000	Blackwood Basin Group	Canola, Wheat, cattle, barley, wool, sheep, lupin and oats	WA
Innovation and Integration: EMS in the central Australian pastoral industry	\$312,065	Centralian Land Management Association Inc	Arid-Pastoral	NT
The development and assessment of the Cotton BMP Program into a comprehensive EMS through the development of a Land and Water Module	\$602,250	Cotton Australia	Field Crops - Cotton	NSW QLD
On-Farm EMS and Environmental Labelling in the Pastoral Industries	\$578,453	Department of Primary Industries, Queensland	Pastoral - Beef and Fibre	Qld
Gippsland Beef and Lamb EMS	\$301,860	Gippsland Natural Pty Ltd	Pastoral - Beef and Lamb	VIC
Building Brand King Island - an EMS pilot project	\$448,624	King Island Natural Resource Management Group Inc	Pastoral - Beef and Dairy	TAS
Widespread adoption, ensuring practical application and testing the benefits of EMS in broad acre farming	\$298,240	Mingenew-Irwin Group	Field Crops	WA

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Murray Environmental Management Systems Group	\$414,960	Murray (Berrigan Shire Council)	Field Crops - Grain	NSW
Linking on-farm EMS with catchment targets, a farmer-catchment-government partnership in Victoria	\$489,600	North Central Catchment Management Authority	General Broad acre Farming - cropping and cattle	VIC
Developing dairy farmer and processor partnerships for EMS implementation	\$379,704	NSW Agriculture	Dairy	NSW QLD VIC
Rice Environmental Champions Program - an innovative mechanism for change	\$960,285	Ricegrowers' Association of Australia	Field Crops - Rice	NSW QLD
Seafood EMS Framework	\$655,186	Seafood Services Australia	Fisheries and Aquaculture	National
Bega Cheese Dairy Farmers' EMS Pilot Program (BEMS)	\$367,500	The Bega Cooperative Society	Dairy	NSW
ALMS / VCMA Collaborative Venture	\$400,000	Australian Landcare Management Systems in conjunction with North Central Catchment Management Authority	Cross-cutting	VIC, SA, NSW, QLD