

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – SPILL OVER HEARING - 11 NOVEMBER 2020

AGRICULTURE, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

QoN No.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Title	Question	Proof Hansard Page & Hearing Date or Written	Comment
148.	Corporate: Finance Division	Senator Green	Budgets	<p>1. Can the Department provide a table outlining the projected average staffing levels associated with budget Outcomes 1-5 over the full forward estimates (2020/21-2023/24)</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an itemised list of individual projects that have been funded and/or committed to since the 2019 federal election that are aimed at protecting, managing threats and/or restoring threatened species habitat and/or populations, including the following details;</p> <p>a. title and objectives of the project</p> <p>b. location of the project</p> <p>c. the federal electorate</p> <p>d. total funding committed</p> <p>e. total funding delivered</p> <p>f. completed projects; and</p> <p>g. any monitoring of outcomes.</p> <p>3. Can the Department project a current FTE of staff that are dedicated to the development of threatened species recovery plans?</p> <p>4. Can the Department project a current FTE of staff that are dedicated to the development of threat abatement plans?</p> <p>5. What is the Department’s budget? (Departmental funding as separate from Administered funding)</p> <p>6. Is that a change from last year? What as the budget last year?</p> <p>7. Why? What program areas have decreased? What program areas have increased? (Departmental funding)</p> <p>8. What about administered funding? What is the department’s budget?</p>	Written	SQ20-000569

				<p>9. Is that a change from last year? What was the budget last year?</p> <p>10. Why? What programs have decreased? What programs have increased?</p> <p>11. Can I please have the total spend on all environmental programs for each year since 2013?</p>		
149.	Corporate: Minister's Office - Ley	Senator Green	Ministerial transcripts	<p>1. Why has the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, failed to publish media interviews and speeches online?</p> <p>2. Why has the Minister for the Environment failed to request that the department produce and publish any transcripts?</p> <p>3. Are any of the Minister for the Environment's media interviews transcribed, either for internal use or external use?</p> <p>4. Is there anyone inside the Minister for the Environment's office that is responsible for transcribing the Minister's media interviews or speeches? If so, how many people are responsible for this task and what are their roles? What, if any, software is used?</p> <p>5. Does the Minister for the Environment intend to publish and distribute transcripts in line with the actions of other Ministers?</p> <p>6. How many Ministers other than the Minister for the Environment do not publish transcripts from media interviews?</p>	Written	SQ20-000568
150.	Outcome 1: Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)	Senator Green	Australian Marine Mammal Centre	<p>With reference to the Australian Marine Mammal Centre;</p> <p>1. On the Australian Marine Mammal Centre's webpage, it states that it is part of the Department for Environment and Energy, when will that be updated? And can you confirm that it is still within the Antarctic Division of the Department?</p> <p>2. How many staff are part of the Australian Marine Mammal Centre?</p> <p>3. Are they solely dedicated to the Centre or do they work across a number of areas?</p> <p>4. Has this changed from last year?</p> <p>5. How many staff were at the centre in 2013? Can you please provide me with the number of staff for every year since 2013?</p> <p>6. What is the budget for the Australian Marine Mammal Centre?</p> <p>7. How much of this is spent on whale-related activities and projects?</p> <p>8. How does this compare to last year?</p>	Written	SQ20-000588

				<p>9. Can you provide a budget breakdown for the centre for each year since 2013?</p> <p>10. The Australian Marine Mammal Centre hosts the National Marine Mammal Data Portal, which collates national sightings, stranding and entanglement. Is this up to date? IF NO – Why not? What was the most recent data entry? Is it not up to date because of resourcing reasons?</p> <p>11. How much is known about whales that are predominantly in Australian waters?</p> <p>12. When it comes to coordinating research from across the country, does the Centre have a collection of stranding research, sightings from the recent whale migration season? How does this compare to last year?</p> <p>13. Australia was a leader when it came to research and knowledge of whales, but now we have just experienced the death of 380 pilot whales, what happened?</p>		
151.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Funding allocated to implementation of recovery plans	<p>Senator GREEN: ... Can you answer a question for me? That figure you gave me, 171, is that the same number that's in your annual report?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I will check that.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Why don't you flip to page 162 and then come back to me.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I can possibly answer that. I don't have the annual report in front of me, but there may be a discrepancy because the minister has signed off on a plan since 1 July. A plan for the southern bent-wing bat was made a few weeks ago. That is now in force and so that is why the number has gone from 170 to 171.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Great. So there's the issue. I asked a few questions about this, but just to be clear: how much funding is being allocated to implementation of recovery plans? What is the dollar figure?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I think it is correct to say that there's not a specific dollar figure. The recovery plans are dealt with in the department and within the relevant divisions of the department, particularly through the allocation of staffing resources. Those staffing resources will work on particular activities on a case-by-case basis, so it depends.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Can you take on notice to add all of that up in the best way possible to give the committee an idea of the resources that have been allocated</p>	Page 10 11/11/2020 Spoken	SQ20-000566

				if you can't give me a dollar figure. That would be helpful. Ms Campbell is nodding. Thank you.		
152.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Monitoring of recovery plans	<p>Senator GREEN: ...I do have a follow-up question to some questions we asked Ms Campbell at the last estimates. I wanted to see whether you had some further information on this. We asked in regard to the implementation of recovery plans whether all of them were being monitored. You said that that they weren't all being monitored and we asked you to take on notice how many implementations of recovery plans the government was monitoring. Do you have that information for us now?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I don't yet. There are over 700 to look through to make sure we get the numbers. I haven't been able to finalise those numbers yet.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Okay. Have you been able to work out, Ms Campbell, whether all of the 70 priority species under the threatened species strategy have recovery plans and are they being monitored?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: All the priority threatened species have either recovery plans or consultation advices. We are looking through those as part of the threatened species action on recovery plans.</p> <p>Dr Box: As you know, the threatened species strategy identifies recovery targets for 20 mammals, 20 birds and 30 plant species. For the majority of these 70 species the conservation advice or recovery plan was updated under the improving recovery practices target by June 2018, but there are some where the recovery plan or conservation advice is still currently being redrafted or undergoing a final review to address currency.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: How many of the 70 are in that status?</p> <p>Dr Box: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Pages 10-11 11/11/2020 Spoken	SQ20-000567
153.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Hanson-Young	TSSC - overdue recovery plans	Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You might need to take this on notice, but on the 172 overdue recovery plans where is your committee up to in terms of the involvement that you have with that?	Page 3 11/11/2020 Spoken	SQ20-000563
154.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation	Senator Green	Environment Restoration Fund	Please provide a list of updated projects under the Environment Restoration Fund, including but not limited to, details tabled previously in March	Written	SQ20-000583

	Division (BCD)			estimates, including date announced, electorate, total funding allocated, total funding expended, and delivery mechanism.		
155.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Use of recovery plans	With reference to the First Assistant Secretary, Ms Campbell's statements in estimates that, "the [recovery] plans are really guidance documents that are for the Australian government and a range of proponents;" 1. How did the department use the recovery plans during the national bushfire crisis 2019-20? 2. What specific aspects of which recovery plans were used during the national bushfire crisis?	Written	SQ20-000573
156.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Bushfires as a key threatened process	1. Are bushfires considered a key threatened process under the EPBC Act? Why or why not? 2. Were any discussions had between department officials about the proposal for bushfires to be considered a key threatening process in the lead up to or during the national bushfire crisis. 3. Has any advice been provided to the minister in relation to bushfires being considered a key threatening process under the EPBC Act? What was the nature of that advice, please provide details including but not limited to, form of advice, date, time and any recommended actions?	Written	SQ20-000578
157.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Recovery plans (excluding conservation advice)	With reference to recovery plans required under the EPBC Act and excluding conservation advice; 1. Is there specific funding for the development and implementation of recovery plans in the Budget? 2. Can the Department provide a list of the 171 species that require recovery plans that are yet to be implemented under the EPBC Act? Please include details of when the species was deemed to require a recovery plan, the initial recovery plan due date and the extended recovery plan due date.	Written	SQ20-000570
158.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation	Senator Green	Threatened Species Strategy	Threatened Species Strategy 1. Has consultation on the 10 year TSS commenced? What are the details of that consultation, including date, participants and form of consultation. 2. How were the priority species determined?	Written	SQ20-000574

	Division (BCD)			3. How many species has the department deemed too late to save? 4. What species are not a priority and why?		
159.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Recovery plan process	<p>With reference to statements made by the First Assistant Secretary Ms Campbell's in estimates, "We think that recovery plans aren't required in all instances and we think, therefore, that it's more appropriate to go through a process and really prioritise our actions where the recovery plans will have the most benefit for those species where there is the best chance, the best value add, for a recovery";</p> <p>1. Has this process been discussed with the Minister? If so, how many times, in what form did those discussions take place and what were the outcomes/action items of that discussion?</p> <p>2. Has this process been approved by the Minister? If so, how was that approval provided and when?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm that Ms Thompson's process to not provide a recovery plan for all species that are deemed to require a recover plan, is not in line with the requirements under the EPBC Act?</p> <p>4. Which of the 171 species requiring recovery plans has the Department determined does not need a recovery plan?</p> <p>5. How has the department determined that not all species require a recovery plan?</p> <p>6. Is there a document containing details of the process outlined by Ms Campbell? If so, can you please provide that document?</p> <p>7. Does the Minister intend to deliver the required recovery plans? Why or why not? Please indicate an estimated date.</p>	Written	SQ20-000572
160.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Echidna	<p>1. What actions are being taken to protect the echidna?</p> <p>2. What is known about echidna population numbers?</p> <p>3. What is the population status of the echidna?</p> <p>4. Are echidna numbers in decline? How have you formed this view?</p>	Written	SQ20-000576
161.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Recovery plans - timeframes	<p>1. Once a species is deemed to require a recovery plan, what are the statutory timeframes for completion of the plan?</p> <p>2. How many recovery plans are currently being monitored?</p> <p>3. Of the completed recovery plans, how many are actually being implemented?</p>	Written	SQ20-000571

				<p>4. Do all 70 priority species under the Threatened Species Strategy have recovery plans? Please provide a list of all species that do not.</p> <p>5. How are recovery plans monitored? How much funding is provided for the monitoring of recovery plans?</p> <p>6. Of the 171 species requiring recovery plans under the EPBC Act but are yet to have them, how many of those plans are overdue (i.e. have failed to be completed within statutory timeframes)?</p>		
162.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Platypus	<p>1. What actions are being taken to protect the platypus?</p> <p>2. What is known about platypus population numbers?</p> <p>3. What is the population status of the platypus?</p> <p>4. Are platypus numbers in decline? How have you formed this view?</p>	Written	SQ20-000575
163.	Outcome 1: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)	Senator Green	Bushfire recovery funding for threatened species	<p>1. In reference to the bushfire recovery for species and landscapes funding which is allocated over two years, what is expected to be funded through that?</p> <p>2. Is it anticipated that the activities funded through this program will simply stop at the end of the two years? What happens to the projects? What happens to the species? Will their populations be restored in two years?</p> <p>3. Do you think funding for threatened species should be ongoing? How important is long term funding for the survival of species?</p> <p>4. On page 61 of the PBS, there is a special appropriations line that allocates \$4,589 this year and \$27,370 next year, and then it cuts off. Can you explain what this funding is for? Why does it abruptly cut off?</p> <p>5. With reference to the wildlife and habitat bushfire recovery program;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was this a competitive grants process? 2. Were only certain groups considered prior to the development of the guidelines? 3. Were any groups awarded funds prior to the development of guidelines? 4. Please table the list of unsuccessful applicants. <p>6. How many recommendations have been provided by the Threatened Species Bushfire Recovery expert panel? Of those, how many are have already been implemented? How many are currently being implemented? What is the progress of each?</p>	Written	SQ20-000590

164.	Outcome 1: Compliance Division (CD)	Senator Green	Ministerial review into compliance case involving Jam Land Pty Ltd	With reference to the Ministerial Review currently being conducted into the compliance case involving Jam Land Pty Ltd; 1. When will that review be completed? 2. Are there environmental concerns related to a timeframe for remediation? 3. What recovery plans are being used in determining timeframes for remediation, if any? 4. Has the department accessed the recovery plans of the threatened species' involved? 5. Has the department undertaken any monitoring of threatened species in the area which requires remediation?	Written	SQ20-000582
165.	Outcome 1: Environment Approvals Division (EAD)	Senator Hanson- Young	Destruction of koala habitat Manyana	Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What is happening with the application for the destruction of koala habitat at Manyana? Where is that assessment up to? Mr McNee: I'll check. I think that a controlled action decision has been taken for the Manyana project. We've provided information to the proponent which we'd like to see in the preliminary documentation which will come back to the department. We're awaiting the return of that documentation. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So it is being considered as a controlled action? You've asked for more advice from Ozy Homes, as the developer in that area— Mr McNee: That's correct. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: They'll come back and then you'll decide—the minister will need to decide—whether that koala habitat is allowed to be destroyed? Mr McNee: At that point the minister will need to make a judgement on whether the information is adequate. If that is the case, then that will then proceed to assessment and final decision. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is there a time frame on that? Mr McNee: Because it's with the proponent at the moment, that's largely in their hands. But once it returns to the department there's a statutory clock, which I think is 30 business days. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Thank you, Chair.	Pages 9-10 11/11/2020 Spoken	SQ20-000564
166.	Outcome 1: Environment Approvals	Senator Hanson- Young	Transient koalas	Page 9 Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I still don't have a precise understanding about this: if there are koalas in this area and the area is transient, which means	Pages 9&10 11/11/2020	SQ20-000565

	Division (EAD)			koalas use it for travelling, what will be done to protect those koalas in that area? ... Page 10 Mr Larsen: Chair, would I be able to answer a question that was raised by Senator Hanson-Young in relation to transient koalas? Senator GREEN: I think you could probably put that on notice for her.	Spoken	
167.	Outcome 1: Environment Approvals Division (EAD)	Senator Green	Assessments of Warragamba Dam	<p>1. What is the status of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in relation to the NSW Government's (the proponent) Warragamba Dam Project? Please provide the timeframe and associated activities or decisions expected to occur in the future.</p> <p>2. In an article published by the Guardian on 17 September 2020 there is reference to a Departmental document asking the NSW State Government to revise its World Heritage Assessment for the Warragamba Dam project. The 10 June 2020 Departmental document stated: "The proposal has not been adequately assessed for the impacts on the World Heritage Area's National and World Heritage Values and Outstanding Universal Values." What is the department now doing to ensure that these values are properly assessed? Can you confirm the nature of this article is correct in relation to the reference that "WaterNSW did not adequately assess how its plan to raise the dam wall by 17m could affect the world heritage values of the Blue Mountains".</p> <p>3. Has the proponent made a commitment to reassess the matters referred to in the Departments comments on the Warragamba Dam Raising Draft EIS (provided to NSW DPE on 10 June 2020)? Can you please table all versions of the Warragamba Dam Project EIS lodged with the Commonwealth and any responses or comments made by the Department?</p> <p>4. If the Department was not satisfied with the proponents' assessment, why didn't you commission your own revised assessment?</p> <p>5. Will the Department undertake its own assessment if it is not satisfied with the proponent's assessment?</p> <p>6. Is final EPBC approval of this project contingent on the proponent addressing the matters outlined in the Departments comments provided to the proponent on 10 June 2020?</p>	Written	SQ20-000591

				<p>7. In relation to the Department’s report “Greater Blue Mountains Area, State of Conservation update- April 2020”, the report includes the following statement: “The recent bushfire emergency has only recently been brought under control and it will be some time before its impacts can be fully assessed. As part of the EIS process, the NSW Government will require WaterNSW (the proponent of the proposed project) to undertake an evaluation of the recent bushfire impacts.” Has WaterNSW completed this evaluation?</p> <p>8. Will the Department be requesting further field assessment be undertaken within the project’s impact area post-fire?</p> <p>9. If yes, what was outcome of that evaluation? Can you please provide a copy.</p> <p>10. If no, will the Commonwealth require WaterNSW to comply with the request to evaluate the impacts of last summer’s bushfires before making any final determinations for the Warragamba Dam project in relation to the EPBC process?</p> <p>11. Please provide any documents or correspondence between the Department and WaterNSW or other NSW Government Departments/Agencies in relation to the evaluation request.</p> <p>12. What are the offset commitments the Federal Government will be requiring the proponent to undertake for the Warragamba Dam project? Does the Department support the proponent’s current position to class all impacts as indirect?</p> <p>13. What will the Department do to ensure the project does not impact upon the Outstanding Universal Values of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area?</p> <p>14. What assessments is the Department requiring the proponent to be undertaken on the Regent Honeyeater given its nationally threatened status?</p> <p>15. According to the Departmental document leaked to the Guardian on 17 September 2020, it is requiring the proponent to “To provide clear evidence that Traditional Owners have provided Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) for the proposal to proceed”. Given recent allegations of bribery from Traditional owners by the proponent on 6 November 2020 at a NSW Upper House Inquiry hearing, what is the Department doing to ensure Traditional Owners give free, prior and informed consent.</p>		
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168.	Outcome 1: Environment Approvals Division (EAD)	Senator Green	15 fast-tracked projects	<p>With reference to the 15 projects to be expedited as announced by Prime Minister Scott Morrison in June 2020;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were any conversations had with relevant state counterparts prior to the announcement of these projects? If so, which states, and on what date and in what form did those discussions take place. 2. Did this idea originate with the Minister for the Environment or the Prime Minister? 3. How many of these projects are likely to commence construction in the next two years? 	Written	SQ20-000581
169.	Outcome 1: Environment Approvals Division (EAD)	Senator Green	ANAO projects containing errors	<p>With reference to the list of projects examined by the ANAO, in which they concluded that 79% contained errors or were non-compliant;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the associated cost for each of these projects? What is the estimated associated cost, noting that the Auditor General cited costs of projects in p.24 of the ANAO report? 2. How many of the decisions relating to these projects were made outside of statutory timeframes? Please provide the time delayed and associated cost. Does the department know how much money the departments delays have cost in project terms? 3. What is the commencement dates for each project of these projects? What is the completion date for each project? 4. Where pre-commencement conditions for these projects monitored? Was there any monitoring for compliance with conditions monitored for any of these projects? Please provide the details for each. 5. Given the significant error rate in the ANAO audit sample, what action has the department undertaken to investigate or access those decisions not accessed by the ANAO audit, to identify further errors? 6. Has the department found further errors/non-compliance outside of the ANAO audit sample, if so, how many, in which project decisions, how many projects have been assessed outside of the ANAO sample and what action has been undertaken to rectify the errors/non-compliance, or assess risk associated with the errors/non-compliant instances? Please provide a list detailing the projects assessed and the actions undertaken in relation to these errors. 	Written	SQ20-000580

170.	Outcome 1: Environment Approvals Division (EAD)	Senator Green	Conflict of interest register	<p>Since a conflict of interest register was put in place after the ANAO report Referrals, Assessments and Approvals of Controlled Actions under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 was released;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many conflicts have been documented on that register to date and by how many different people? 2. What is the nature of those conflicts? 3. Did Mr Metcalfe report the divestment of his shares on that register? 4. Who manages the register? 5. How is the register process managed? 6. Is the register audited? 7. What is the penalty for failing to register an interest, or doing so in a timely manner? 8. Does the department claim that there was not one single actual or perceived conflict of interest within the environment department since 2014? 	Written	SQ20-000579
171.	Outcome 1: Environment Protection Reform Division (EPRD)	Senator Green	EPBC Act	<p>With reference to proposed changes to the EPBC Act;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the Prime Minister first contact the Minister for the environment about the introduction of a bill to create bilateral agreements? 2. How was this contact made? 3. How many conversations have the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Environment had in relation to amendments to the EPBC Act? Please provide details including dates, form of conversation, and topic. 4. How many conversations have the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Minister for the Environment had in relation to amendments to the EPBC Act? Please provide details including dates, form of conversation, and topic and copies of relevant notes and emails. 5. What was the request to Parliamentary Counsel on June 4 2020 in relation to an “update of the 2014 bill” that amended the EPBC Act? 6. With reference to Mr Tregurtha’s statement in relation to the EPBC Act where he said “the Prime Minister addressed the committee and talked about the government’s objective to streamline Commonwealth and state processes -“ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What committee is Mr Tregurtha referring to? b. Please provide details of every conversation the Prime Minister has had with anyone from the Minister’s office, the environment department or the Independent reviewer in respect of changes to the EPBC Act. 	Written	SQ20-000577

				<p>7. With reference to Mr Tregurtha’s statements in estimates, “I signed off a brief to the Minister on 24 August 2020 and then the bill was introduced into the parliament on 27 August 2020.”</p> <p>a. Please provide a copy of this brief.</p> <p>b. Please provide copies of and details of any other briefs that were prepared in relation to any proposed amendments to the EPBC Act for the current Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>c. Please provide all briefs provided to the Minister’s office in relation to the government’s proposed amendments to the EPBC Act.</p> <p>8. If ever, when will the national environmental standards be completed and released to the public?</p> <p>9. What was the nature of the advice provided to the Minister in respect of an independent regulator? Please provide any departmental briefs provided to the Minister that includes any advice about an independent regulator.</p> <p>10. When did the Minister first rule out an independent regulator?</p> <p>11. Has the department prepared briefs since 20 July 2020 for the minister on the question of an independent regulator? Please provide details and a copy of each brief.</p> <p>12. Has the department prepared briefs before 20 July 2020 for the Minister on the question of an independent regulator? Please provide details and a copy of each brief.</p> <p>13. Has the department commenced drafting legislation for national environmental standards?</p>		
172.	Outcome 1: Heritage Reef and Wildlife Trade Division (HRWT)	Senator Green	Great Barrier Reef Foundation - money spent on administrative, marketing and fundraising costs	<p>How much money has been spent on administrative, marketing, and fundraising costs by the foundation? How does that compare to how much has been raised by the foundation?</p> <p>1. Does the department know how much of the \$444 million grant paid to GBR Foundation has been spent?</p> <p>2. How much has been spent on administrative costs so far and what percentage of the budget does it make up?</p> <p>3. How will the remainder of the funds be spent?</p> <p>4. What outcomes have been achieved to date as a result of that spending?</p> <p>5. What steps has the department taken to follow up the actions from the auditor general’s report associated with the awarding of the 444 million grant in a dodgy backroom deal without a tender?</p>	Written	SQ20-000584

				<p>6. Is the department aware of the GBR Foundation’s failure to meet their investment targets?</p> <p>7. Is the department stepping in to assist the Foundation with meeting their targets?</p> <p>8. What are the ramifications for this failing?</p> <p>9. If it’s taken the last three years just to meet 6% of the total target, it will take another 90 years before we get there. Do you think the Great Barrier Reef can wait another ninety years?</p> <p>10. What assurances has the department sought that the foundation will meet its targets?</p> <p>11. How much does the GBR Foundation spend on advertising? How much is spent on social media advertising?</p> <p>12. Is the department aware of the Crikey report that found that the Foundation were advertising to Liberal voters specifically?</p> <p>13. Is spending money on this kind of advertising within the grant guidelines?</p> <p>14. Does the GBR Foundation report to the department about advertising spend?</p> <p>15. Did the department follow up these reports with the Foundation? Why or why not?</p> <p>16. How successful have these facebook ads been? There has to be a return figure?</p> <p>17. How much funding has been leveraged from these facebook advertisements?</p> <p>18. Please provide a breakdown of all advertising spending by the GBR Foundation, and table the advertisements and their target audiences?</p>		
173.	Outcome 1: Heritage Reef and Wildlife Trade Division (HRWT)	Senator Green	Great Barrier Reef Foundation - administrative funding	<p>With reference to statements made by Mr Oxley in estimates relating to the administrative funds used by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation in which he said, “We would expect them to be deploying these resources to maximise the public impact of the administrative funds that they have available to them”;</p> <p>1. How does the department relay that expectation to the great barrier reef foundation?</p> <p>2. How does the department satisfy itself that resources are being used to maximise the public impact of the administrative funds available to the foundation?</p>	Written	SQ20-000585

174.	Outcome 1: Heritage Reef and Wildlife Trade Division (HRWT)	Senator Green	Great Barrier Reef Foundation - health of the reef	With reference to Mr Oxley's statements in senate estimates in relation to measuring the health of the reef, he said "I don't think beyond engagement it's really possible to measure the impact of the position in the way that you're characterising"; 1. How does the department measure the health of the reef? 2. Does the department consider engagement with stakeholders or locals when measuring the health of the reef? If so, how is this considered? 3. Does the department consider advocacy by stakeholders or locals when measuring the health of the reef? If so, how is this considered?	Written	SQ20-000586
175.	Outcome 1: Heritage Reef and Wildlife Trade Division (HRWT)	Senator Green	2050 plan	1. Is the government on track to meet targets as part of the 2050 plan? 2. How much funding is allocated to program that oversees the GBR in the department? 3. How many meetings has the department had with Foundation representatives? With reference to the reef water quality targets; 4. What are those targets? 5. Have they been met? 6. Are they on track to being met? 7. Are there plans for the targets to be reduced?	Written	SQ20-000593
176.	Outcome 5: Water Division	Senator Green	Murray Darling Basin plan	1. How much water has been recovered for the environment? 2. Are you concerned about the water recovery for the environment, since Keith Pitt's announcements? 3. Did you know that less than 1% of water was recovered? 4. What will be required to recover the 450g by the agreed date? 5. Why isn't the plan on track? 6. Does taking buybacks off the table make it less likely to achieve the required water recovery? 7. Which programs currently in place are working well and why? 8. Which programs currently in place are not working well and why?	Written	SQ20-000589
177.	Agency:	Senator Green	Mass bleaching	Does the GBRMPA predict another mass bleaching event for this coming summer?	Written	SQ20-000587

	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)					
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