

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Topic: Giant Freshwater Lobster (*Astacopsis Gouldi*) - federal and Tasmanian state funding
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Senator Rice asked:

The 2006-2010 Recovery Plan outlined the estimated costs of undertaking the actions in the Plan as follows (All costs in thousands of dollars at 2005 prices)

Action	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Year 1	129.9	160.7	99.9	4.5	19.1	414.1
Year 2	105.1	156.9	92.3	3.8	16.5	374.6
Year 3	85.7	139.6	40.4	3.8	17.3	286.8
Year 4	75.7	152.9	17.4	6.1	17.3	269.4
Year 5	76.3	149.2	17.4	6.1	21.1	270.1
TOTAL	472.7	759.3	267.4	24.3	91.3	1615

Were these amounts of money spent on the Plan?

If not, what federal and Tasmanian state funding was spent on the plan in the years 2006-2010?

Answer:

Implementation of recovery actions outlined in the *Giant Freshwater Lobster Recovery Plan 2006-2010* was undertaken by a range of different stakeholder groups through a wide range of funding mechanisms. Parties that contributed to the implementation of recovery plan actions include Tasmanian government agencies, the Inland Fisheries Service, the Forest Practices Authority, the University of Tasmania, independent researchers, NRMs and community groups.

Commonwealth expenditure that may have directly or indirectly contributed to the implementation of the giant freshwater lobster recovery plan was provided through a variety of programs such as the Natural Heritage Trust and Caring for Our Country. The Commonwealth cannot provide a precise breakdown of expenditure in relation to actions that directly or indirectly benefit the giant freshwater lobster.

The Department is not in a position to provide details of Tasmanian State Government expenditure on this species.