

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

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**Senator Waters asked:**

Senator WATERS: Minister Cormann, I recall a pre-election commitment that the Reef Rescue funding would be maintained at \$200 million. What happened there?

Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice. Any election commitments that we have made we are keeping—

**Answer:**

The Government is maintaining a commitment of over \$200 million on activities to support the Reef. This includes around \$160 million of existing activities to support water quality improvements and the resilience of the reef.

The Government has also committed to a \$40 million Reef Trust to support the improvement of coastal habitat, water quality and enhancing species protection along the Great Barrier Reef.