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Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: In this year's budget, in the Environment and Energy portfolio statement under the budgeted expenses for outcome 1, the expenditure laid out totals of only 28.3, but I understand the budget commitment was \$56.1 million. Where is the difference? Why is it spelled out like that?

Ms Barnes: The government's commitment of \$56.1 million over four years is in the budget, it is just in various places in the portfolio budget statement. Some of that money is in the Director of National Parks statement, some of it is in the Department of Environment and Energy's statement as administered funds, but the total is still \$56.1 million.

Senator URQUHART: So the total is there, it is just spread over different areas.

Ms Barnes: It is just spread out.

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide us—maybe not now—details of where that is highlighted? Thanks.

Ms Barnes: Yes.

Mr Thompson: I might just clarify too that that expenditure is spread over a number of years. It is not a single-year expenditure.

Ms Barnes: Yes, over four years.

Answer:

The Commonwealth Marine Reserves funding of \$56.1m was presented in the 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements as outlined below.

Funding Type*	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Administered under Outcome 1 (refer page 23)		10,575	10,262	7,496	28,333
Departmental - appropriated to the Director of National Parks (refer page 205)	2,906	7,375	8,733	7,250	26,264
Capital Measure - Equity Injection to the Director of National Parks (refer page 205)	619	376	181	355	1,531
					56,128

*Source 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements