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Senator Urquhart asked:

\$56.1 M over 4 years seems insufficient to prepare management plans, establish management arrangements and fund fisheries adjustment – is this realistic? Can the department provide a budget on the expenditure of this money?

If the plans have not been finalised, how can the budget be calculated? What assumptions were made? What is the level of fisheries displacement?

Answer:

We expect the \$56.1 million budget to be adequate to implement marine reserves. The final breakdown of this budget will depend on the zoning and management arrangements agreed through public consultations and included in the final management plans.

The final level of impacts on the commercial fishing sector will only be known when management plans are completed. The displacement will be calculated by the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resources Economics and Science based upon confidential catch data obtained by the Bureau from Commonwealth, state and territory fisheries agencies. Details about displacement will be published on Parks Australia's website when management plans are finalised.