

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

As promised in the Environment Estimates hearing can the Department prepare an ‘Environment Budget ‘ of total environment related spending of the Government for 2016-17, 2017-18 and the out years. Can the Department advise if it could provide such a whole of Government environment budget in future years as was done by previous Governments such as when Malcolm Turnbull was environment Minister (2007 – 08 Budget).

Answer:

As responded to QoN SQ17-000377, statement 6 of Budget Paper No 1 for 2017-18 aggregates individual agency estimates to report the whole of government spend by sub-function.

Based on the sub-function classification the environment budget is primarily comprised of:

- environment protection;
- The Department of the Environment and Energy’s component of natural resource development and
- national estate and parks.

The below tables provide a breakdown of the total spend reported on page 6-29 (table 10) for environment protection, page 6-31 (table 11) for national estates and parks and 6-36 (table 13.1 extract) for natural resource development.

Reported Expenses for Environment Protection

	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)	2019-20 (\$m)	2020-21 (\$m)
Department of the Environment and Energy	606	573	514	515	456
Clean Energy Regulator	286	294	287	299	319
Climate Change Authority	4	1	-	-	-
Other Portfolios	8	41	53	79	77
TOTAL	904	909	855	894	853

Notes:

Environment Protection sub-function includes expenses for the protection and conservation of the environment, water and water management, pollution and environment research.

Reported Expenses for National Estate and Parks

	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)	2019-20 (\$m)	2020-21 (\$m)
Department of the Environment and Energy	213	206	193	200	238
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	59	61	55	54	53
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	18	18	20	21	22
Director of National Parks	80	80	79	77	74
Other Portfolios	44	44	41	41	41
TOTAL	414	411	388	392	428

Notes:

National Estate and Parks sub-function also includes the Australian Antarctic Program, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Reported Expenses for the Department of the Environment and Energy's component of natural resource development

	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)	2019-20 (\$m)	2020-21 (\$m)
Department of the Environment and Energy	63	63	57	63	63

Notes:

These expenses relate to the Commonwealth Environment Water Office.

Total Reported Expenses for Environment Protection, National Estate and Parks and Natural Resource Development

	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)	2019-20 (\$m)	2020-21 (\$m)
Department of the Environment and Energy	882	842	764	778	757
Clean Energy Regulator	286	294	287	299	319
Climate Change Authority	4	1	-	-	-
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	59	61	55	54	53
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	18	18	20	21	22
Director of National Parks	80	80	79	77	74
Other Portfolios	52	85	94	120	118
TOTAL	1,381	1,383	1,299	1,349	1,343

Note:

These funds do not include funding for Fuel and Energy functions.