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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** How many positions are on that committee?

**Mr McAllister:** The Alligator Rivers Region Advisory Committee? We might have to take that one on notice. There are 10 members and deputy members but there are some ex-officio positions as well.

**Senator URQUHART:** You may want to take the detail of that on notice. Perhaps you can also add a little more clarity to the length of time that they have been vacant when you provide that on notice

**Answer:**

The membership of the Alligator Rivers Region Advisory Committee is prescribed under s18(1) of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978* and comprises:

- a Chairperson appointed by the Minister;
- the Supervising Scientist;
- the Director of National Parks;
- one member appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Administrator of the Northern Territory;
- one member appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council;
- one member nominated by an environmental organisation which has been nominated by the Minister; and
- such other members as are from time to time appointed by the Minister.

The Act also provides for the appointment of a deputy of a member of the Committee.

There are currently two vacant positions which will be filled in due course.

The Committee continues to perform its statutory function as a forum for stakeholder consultation and information exchange in relation to the environmental effects of uranium mining in the Alligator Rivers Region.