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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. The Government has tipped in \$100 million over four years into the Reef Trust from its Green Army efficiencies. Can you tell me if, in the absence of any further funds be secured for the Trust, the Government thinks the current budget for the Great Barrier Reef is anywhere near the levels it needs to be to achieve the required improvements in water quality?

Answer:

1. The Australian and Queensland governments are committed to ensuring sufficient financial and other resources are available to achieve the Reef 2050 Plan outcomes. Currently governments are contributing around \$200 million a year to support the resilience of the Reef. The current level of investment is projected to continue, bringing the total to more than \$2 billion over the next 10 years.