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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Can you provide details of the planned on-farm improvements and systems repair, which I believe had a value of \$58 million over the forwards?

Ms Lane: I do not have the detail of the projects that we have funded through that component of the previous program, but I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to take that on notice?

Ms Lane: Yes.

Answer:

The Department is continuing to deliver over \$140 million in contracts to improve the resilience of the Great Barrier Reef, including grants to regional natural resource management organisations and industry partners to improve the quality of water leaving agricultural lands through the Australian Government's Reef Programme. The on-ground farm management practice improvements and systems repair components includes:

- \$61 million for Water Quality Grants delivered over 3 years (2013/14 – 2015/16)
- \$3 million for Water Quality Partnerships delivered over 5 years (2013/14 – 2017/18)
- \$23.5 million for Systems Repair and Urban Water Quality on-ground grants delivered over 3-5 years (2013/14 – 2017/18)
- \$2.75 million for Systems Repair and Urban Water Quality planning grants over 12 months (2013/14)

Details of the projects funded can be found on the Department's website at:
<http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/approved/2013-14/index.html#reef-2013-14>