



**Australian Government**  
**Director of National Parks**

Senator A McEwan  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment  
Communications and the Arts  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator McEwen

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts for the Additional Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing, Senator Siewert asked a question relating to the Christmas Island biodiversity monitoring programs which appears on ECA 34 of the transcript.

My response to that question was that the final report had been provided to the Department of Finance and Deregulation in the second half of last year and I would see if it could be made publicly available. I am please to advise that I can now provide a copy of the report to you.

It would be appreciated if you could please inform all committee members of the report's availability.

Yours sincerely

Peter Cochrane  
Director of National Parks

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Attachments.

Christmas Island Biodiversity Monitoring Program: December 2003 to April 2007