

**Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts**

**Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Environment and Heritage**

**Environment Australia**

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**Outcome 1,**

**Question: 45-46**

**Division: Environment Protection Group**

**Topic: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act**

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Senator Bishop asked:

Q45 In terms of the Environmental Protection Group, I want to discuss the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Are the officers here? Briefly, can you give the committee a general update of where each of the state bilateral agreement negotiations are up to? I would like to have an idea of where the sticking points are for each state and when they are likely to be in place. In that case, could you just give a general comment on each of the states and take on notice a more detailed response in writing?

Q46 When do you expect that negotiation process to be concluded?

Answer: We believe these questions were answered at the hearing.