

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

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**Question: BET 42**

**Topic: Overseas Climate Aid**

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**Senator BOSWELL asked:**

**Senator BOSWELL**—I do not know if this is the appropriate committee in which to ask this. How much overseas aid was given for climate aid? How much money was spent for overseas climate aid?

**Mr Flanagan**—Part of it is a definitional issue as to which parts would be ODA eligible. I would have to quickly go through and see which parts would be ODA eligible components, but that would probably be more a question for AusAID rather than for ourselves.

**Senator BOSWELL**—But you must know. You are the Treasury, so you must know.

**Senator Sherry**—Not necessarily. This is the macro area of Treasury.

**Senator BOSWELL**—Well, this is a macro question.

**Senator Sherry**—Whilst they have got massive and significant expertise, it is just a touch unfair to expect them to be able to lay their hands on other areas of estimates in detail quickly.

**Senator BOSWELL**—Okay. Maybe I could put it on notice.

**Senator Sherry**—Yes, we will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

AusAID estimates that the Australian Government has spent approximately \$150 million on climate change official development assistance in 2009-10.