

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

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**Corporate Services Division**

**Q1 Senator Colbeck - Graduate Recruitment Costs (*Proof Hansard p. 4*)**

Can you please provide a breakdown of savings from graduate recruitment cuts including exact cost of last year in comparison to this year.

**Answer:**

Graduate recruitment costs for the 2009 graduate intake were \$365 598 and the estimated cost for the 2011 intake is \$220 000.

**Q2 Senator Colbeck - Staffing table comparison (*Proof Hansard p. 6*)**

Please provide a breakdown of the difference between staffing numbers from last year to this year

**Answer:**

Please see table at Attachment 1.

**Q3 Senator Colbeck – Cairns Carparks and lease (*Proof Hansard p. 10*)**

Please provide an explanation for the increase in projected car parking costs for Cairns from 2008-09 and total lease costs for Cairns.

**Answer:**

The Biosecurity Services Group consolidated some of its northern Queensland offices in 2009, including the Mareeba and Cairns offices. Car parking spaces were not separately identified in the leases in these locations prior to the consolidation. The new lease arrangements for the single office included separately identified car parking for 61 spaces, (an increase of two spaces) at a projected cost of \$50 000 for 2009-10.

The total cost of the Cairns lease is \$713 400 for the first year, commencing 1 September 2009, with \$68 000 for car parking spaces.

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**Q4 Senator Colbeck – Recruitment of deputy secretary (*Proof Hansard p. 11*)**

Please provide a range of quotes for the recruitment and how the determination was made regarding value for money.

**Answer:**

The Department sought quotations from seven executive recruitment firms. All seven responded to the request for quotation.

The lowest quote was \$30 300 plus GST, plus disbursements and a 10 per cent admin fee.

The highest quote was \$55 000 plus GST, plus disbursements.

The selected provider's quote was \$35 000 plus GST, plus disbursements and \$115 per hour for scribing services. The total final cost was \$41,000.

The preferred provider represented the best value for money based on comparative assessment of the proposals and their extensive experience in executive search services in the Australian industry. The personnel nominated for the assignment had successfully completed over 400 SES and SES-equivalent recruitment assignments including a significant number at the SES Band 3 and CEO levels.

**Q5 Senator Macdonald – Cost of pot plants in the Minister's office (*Proof Hansard p. 15*)**

What is the cost of the pot plants in the Minister's office?

**Answer:**

The department pays \$128.85 (inc GST) per month. From 1 July 2009 – 31 December 2009 the department has paid \$773.10 (inc GST).

If asked, the monthly cost incorporates:

- 1 x planter box 1200mm @ \$27.60 each
- 9 x desk planters @ \$9.85 each
- 1 x planter box 450mm @ \$12.60

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**Q6 Senator Colbeck - Export Certification Reform Package (*Proof Hansard p. 25*)**

Please provide a list of the changes to membership of the taskforces.

**Answer:**

Please see table at Attachment 2.

**Q7 Senator Back - PIMC Report (*Proof Hansard p. 31*)**

Is the department able to table the PIMC report on Equine Influenza?

**Answer:**

As agreed at PIMC in Nov 2009, the report was circulated to specific industry groups for comment prior to PIMC consideration in April 2010. PIMC has not provided clearance to distribute the document any further

**Q8 Senator Siewert - Timber furniture inspections (*Proof Hansard p. 34*)**

Provide a list of the categories of timber furniture that are inspected

**Answer:**

All non-commercial consignments of timber or timber products arriving in Australia are subject to a physical inspection by AQIS at the port of arrival and may be directed for treatment.

All commercial consignments of timber and timber products arriving in Australia are assessed against Australian biosecurity requirements.

Commercial consignments of wooden articles which are identified as being of low biosecurity risk, including a wide range of manufactured articles such as furniture (excluding antiques), musical instruments and kitchen utensils, may not need to be physically inspected on arrival if an assessment of the accompanying documentation shows they have met Australia's import requirements

Where there is no evidence of acceptable treatment prior to arrival, consignments will be directed for inspection by AQIS officers and/or treatment by an approved treatment provider.

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There is a wide range of import conditions applying to timber products. These are publicly available on DAFF's Import Conditions (ICON) database.

**Climate Change**

**Q9 Senator Colbeck - EC declared areas (*Proof Hansard p. 55*)**

Provide a detailed listing of EC areas due to expire this financial year.

**Answer:**

Please see Question on Notice response CC 19 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2009 at Attachment 3.

**Q10 Senator Milne - Eligibility for EC grants (*Proof Hansard p. 57*)**

What is the difference between the eligibility guidelines for the EC exit grants and the climate change re-establishment grants?

**Answer:**

The main difference between the Climate Change Adjustment Program (CCAP) Re-establishment Grant and the EC Exit Grant is that the CCAP grant is available to all farmers, and CCAP Re-establishment Grant applicants must also satisfy an income and non-farm assets test, based on the Newstart Allowance tests, at time of settlement.

**Sustainable Resource Management**

**Q11 Senator Nash – Expressions of interest for Caring for our Country (*Proof Hansard p. 74*)**

How many expressions of interest for large scale projects were received for Caring for our Country under the 2009-10 business plan and what feedback opportunities were given to unsuccessful applicants.

**Answer**

18 expressions of interest were received and feedback was offered to all unsuccessful applicants. Please see Attachment 4 for further details.

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**Q12 Senator Siewert – National Landcare Facilitators (*Proof Hansard p. 82*)**

Can you provide a list of where the National Landcare Facilitators are located?

**Answer**

Please see that table at Attachment 5 for details of locations of facilitators.

**Divisional Staffing Stats update as at 31 December 2009**  
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<b>Division</b>	<b>30 June 09 FTE</b>	<b>30 Sept 09 FTE</b>	<b>31 Dec 09 FTE</b>
ABARE	145.2	133.7	127.1
Agricultural Productivity	82.1	106.5	119.6
AQIS	3151.9	N/A	N/A
BioSecurity Australia	124.0	N/A	N/A
Biosecurity Services Group	N/A	3302.7	3317.8
Bureau of Rural Sciences	119.1	87.3	85.8
Climate Change	107.2	93.9	101.2
Corporate Finance	63.6	80.9*	79.1
Corporate Policy	88.9	102.8*	106.1
Corporate Services	229.4	236.9*	229.3
Product Integrity Animal & Plant Health	162.3	N/A	N/A
Quarantine & Biosecurity Policy Unit	20.7	N/A	N/A
Sustainable Resource Management	147.3	142.6	133.0
Trade & Market Access	101.5	77.3	81.2
Graduates and Trainees	62.0	62.0	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4605.1</b>	<b>4426.6</b>	<b>4392.2</b>

N/A = Not applicable – division not in existence at that time.

\*Increases in these divisions reflect consolidation of corporate functions.

## Ministerial Taskforce Membership Changes since April 2009

Ministerial Taskforce	IN		OUT	
	Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Dairy Exports	Wes Judd	Australian Dairy Industry Council	Allan Burgess	Australian Dairy Industry Council
Livestock Exports	Troy Setter	Australian Livestock Exporters' Council	Dean Ryan	Australian Livestock Exporters' Council
Grain Exports	Rosemary Richards	Australian Grain Exporters Association	Nil	
	Terry Deacon	Grain Trade Australia		
Horticulture Exports	Andrew Green	SA Citrus Industry Development Board	Alastair Scott	Australian Horticulture Exporters' Association
	Lucy Gregg	Fruit Growers Tasmania	David Minnis	Australian Horticulture Exporters' Association
	David Hunt-Sharman	Australian Horticulture Exporters' Association	Stephen Smith.	Australian Horticulture Exporters' Association
	Allen Jenkin	Ironbark Citrus & Grapes	Kris Newton	Horticulture Australia Council
	Hugh Molloy	Antico International Pty Ltd		
	Peter Walker	SA Citrus Industry Development Board		
	Peter Wauchope	Centre West Exports		
Seafood Exports	Alan Crosthwaite	Commonwealth Fisheries Association	Chris Melham	Commonwealth Fisheries Association
Meat Exports	Nil			

In addition to engaging stakeholders through the ministerial taskforces, Biosecurity Services Group (BSG) will communicate and consult directly with other relevant stakeholders.

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**Question:** CC 19

**Division/Agency:** Climate Change Division

**Topic:** Exceptional Circumstances

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Colbeck asked:**

1. Can the Department please provide a list of all regions currently under Exceptional Circumstances (EC) and the expiry date for each of these regions?
2. Which EC regions is the Department and/or the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC) currently reviewing to determine whether a region's EC status is renewed?
3. What has NRAC's touring schedule been since 1 July 2009?
4. What is NRAC's touring schedule up to the end of 2009-2010?
5. How many completed NRAC EC reports are with the Department for advice to the Minister?
6. How many completed NRAC EC reports have been provided by the Department to the Minister for his approval?
7. How many NRAC EC region recommendations did the Minister agree to in 2008-2009? And since 1 July 2009?
8. Which regions are these?
9. How many NRAC EC region recommendations did the Minister not agree to in 2008-2009?
10. And since 1 July 2009?
11. Which regions are these?



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**Answer:**

1. Regions currently under Exceptional Circumstances (EC) declarations

EC areas due to expire 31 March 2010	
State	EC Area
NSW	Braidwood
	Condobolin
	Condobolin-Narrandera
	Dubbo Revised
	Forbes
	Goulburn-Yass
	Gundagai
	Hay
	Hume
	Nyngan Revised
	Majority Western Division
	Molong Revised
	Riverina
	South West Slopes and Plains
	Young
Victoria	Central Victoria North Revised
	Central Victoria South Revised
	Mallee - Northern Wimmera Revised
	Northern Victoria Revised
	North East Victoria
	South Western Victoria
South Australia	Central and Eastern Mount Lofty
	Central Eyre Peninsula
	Clare Light and Barossa
	Fleurieu Peninsula
	Kangaroo Island
	Lower Eyre Peninsula
	Mid-North
	Murray-Mallee
	River Murray and Lower Lakes Corridor
	Upper North District including Annex
	Upper South East
	Western Eyre Peninsula
Yorke Peninsula	

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State	EC Area

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NSW	Cooma-Bombala-ACT
Victoria	Central and East Gippsland Revised
	South and West Gippsland
Tasmania	Central Midlands
	Flinders Island (Formerly North East and Flinders Island)
<b>EC areas due to expire 15 June 2010</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>EC Area</b>
Queensland	Central Darling Downs Revised
	Far West Queensland
	Northern Darling Downs Revised
	South West Queensland Revised
	Western Downs-Maranoa Revised
South Australia	Central North East including Annex
	North West Rangelands
<b>EC areas due to expire 30 April 2011</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>EC Area</b>
NSW	Bega Valley

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2. There are currently 47 EC declared areas. 46 EC declarations are scheduled to expire in 2010, and one is scheduled to expire in 2011. The National Rural Advisory Council will provide advice to the Minister on all areas prior to their expiry.

Of the 46 areas due to expire in 2010, 34 areas are due to expire on 31 March 2010, 5 areas are due to expire on 30 April 2010 and seven areas are due to expire on 15 June 2010.

One area is due to expire on 30 April 2011.

3. Inspections undertaken by NRAC between 1 July 2009 and 6 November 2009

<b>Proposed EC Areas</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Inspection date<sup>s</sup></b>
Queensland	Gulf Country	19-21 October 2009
<b>EC areas due to expire 31 March 2010</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>EC Area</b>	<b>Inspection date</b>
NSW	Condobolin	26-29 October 2009
	Nyngan Revised	26-29 October 2009
	Majority Western Division	26-29 October 2009
Victoria	Central Victoria South Revised	4-6 November 2009
	South Western Victoria	4-6 November 2009
South Australia	Clare, Light and Barossa	2-6 November 2009
	Mid-North	2-6 November 2009
	Murray-Mallee	28-30 October 2009
	Upper North District including Annex	2-6 November 2009
	Upper South East	28-30 October 2009
	Yorke Peninsula	2-6 November 2009

\* Date range indicates the period of NRAC inspections which may include the inspection of neighbouring areas.

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4. Inspections have been scheduled, or are under consideration by NRAC for the EC areas due to expire 31 March 2010, 30 April 2010 and 15 June 2010. No conclusions should be drawn from NRAC's inspection schedule and how NRAC may recommend.

**Areas scheduled for inspection by NRAC during the 2009-10 financial year**

Proposed EC Areas		
State	Area	Inspection date**
Queensland	Gulf Country	19-21 October 2009
EC areas due to expire 31 March 2010		
State	EC Area	Inspection date
NSW	Braidwood	9-10 December 2009
	Condobolin	26-29 October 2009
	Condobolin-Narrandera	Week beginning 7 December 2009
	Dubbo Revised	10-12 November 2009
	Forbes	10-12 November 2009
	Goulburn-Yass	9-10 December 2009
	Gundagai	Still being considered by NRAC
	Hay	Week beginning 7 December 2009
	Hume	1-3 December 2009
	Nyngan Revised	26-29 October 2009
	Majority Western Division	26-29 October 2009
	Molong Revised	10-12 November 2009
	Riverina	Week beginning 7 December 2009
	South West Slopes and Plains	Still being considered by NRAC
Young	10-12 November 2009	
Victoria	Central Victoria North Revised	14-17 December 2009
	Central Victoria South Revised	4-6 November 2009
	Mallee - Northern Wimmera	14-17 December 2009
	Northern Victoria Revised	Week beginning 7 December 2009
	North East Victoria	1-3 December 2009
	South Western Victoria	4-6 November 2009

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<b>EC areas due to expire 31 March 2010 (cont.)</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>EC Area</b>	<b>Inspection date</b>
South Australia	Central and Eastern Mount Lofty	23-27 November 2009
	Central Eyre Peninsula	16-20 November 2009
	Clare Light and Barossa	2-6 November 2009
	Fleurieu Peninsula	23-27 November 2009
	Kangaroo Island	23-27 November 2009
	Lower Eyre Peninsula	16-20 November 2009
	Mid-North	2-6 November 2009
	Murray-Mallee	28-30 October 2009
	River Murray and Lower Lakes	Still being considered by NRAC
	Upper North District including	2-6 November 2009
	Upper South East	28-30 October 2009
	Western Eyre Peninsula	16-20 November 2009
	Yorke Peninsula	2-6 November 2009
<b>EC areas due to expire 30 April 2010</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>EC Area</b>	<b>Inspection date</b>
NSW	Cooma-Bombala-ACT	Scheduled for early 2010. Inspection dates yet to be settled by NRAC
Victoria	Central and East Gippsland	
	South and West Gippsland	
Tasmania	Central Midlands	
	Flinders Island (Formerly North	
<b>EC areas due to expire 15 June 2010</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>EC Area</b>	<b>Inspection date</b>
Queensland	Central Darling Downs Revised	Scheduled for early 2010. Inspection dates yet to be settled by NRAC
	Far West Queensland	
	Northern Darling Downs Revised	
	South West Queensland Revised	
	Western Downs-Maranoa Revised	
South Australia	Central North East including	
	North West Rangelands	

<sup>2</sup> Date range indicates the period of NRAC inspections which may include the inspection of neighbouring areas.

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5. As at 6 November 2009, there were no completed NRAC reports with the Department for advice to the Minister.
6. In the period 1 July 2009 to 6 November 2009, 2 completed NRAC reports had been provided to the Minister. These concerned the EC applications for the Bega Valley in NSW and the Latrobe and Macalister Irrigation District in Victoria.
7. In the 2008-09 financial year, the Minister agreed to all of the 120 EC area recommendations made by NRAC.

Since 1 July 2009 the Minister agreed to 2 recommendations on new EC applications made by NRAC.

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8. Table 1. NRAC recommendations agreed to by the Minister during 2008-09.

Area	NRAC Recommendations on EC Extensions, Cessations and Revisions	Announcement Date
<b>New South Wales</b>		
Armidale	Cease on 30 September 2008	19 August 2008
Bourke (formerly Bourke and Brewarrina)	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Braidwood	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Casino	Cease on 30 September 2008	19 August 2008
Central Mudgee – Merriwa	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Central North North-West <sup>††</sup>	Cease 30 September 2008	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 30 April 2009	13 November 2008
Central North North-West Coonabarabran Revision	Extend to 30 April 2009	13 November 2008
	Cease on 30 April 2009	24 March 2009
Central North North-West Coonamble Revision	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Central North North-West Northern New England Revision	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 15 June 2009	12 February 2009
	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Central North North-West Northern Slopes Revision	Extend to 30 April 2009	13 November 2008
	Cease on 30 April 2009	24 March 2009
Central Tablelands	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Condobolin	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Condobolin–Narrandera	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009

<sup>††</sup> Revised areas known as Central North North-West Coonamble Revision and Central North North-West Northern New England Revision announced on 19 August 2008, and Central North North-West Coonabarabran Revision and Central North North-West Northern Slopes Revision announced on 13 November 2008.

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<b>New South Wales (cont.)</b>		
Cooma–Bombala–ACT	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 30 April 2010	12 February 2009
Dubbo <sup>**</sup>	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Forbes	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Hunter Maitland	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Goulburn–Yass	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Gundagai	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Hay	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Hume	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Majority Western Division	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Molong <sup>§§</sup>	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Mudgee–Merriwa	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Northern New England	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
North-East Northern New England <sup>***</sup>	Revise and extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
North-East Northern New England Revised	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Northern Tablelands Small Areas <sup>†††</sup>	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 15 June 2009	12 February 2009

<sup>\*\*</sup> Revised area known as Dubbo Revised

<sup>§§</sup> Revised area known as Molong Revised.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Revised area known as North-East Northern New England Revised.

<sup>†††</sup> Revised area known as Northern Tablelands Small Areas Revised.



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Northern Tablelands Small Areas Revised	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Nyngan <sup>+++</sup>	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Riverina	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
South Coast – Moss Vale	Cease on 30 September 2008	19 August 2008
South West Slopes and Plains	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Walgett–Coonamble	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Young	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
<b>Queensland</b>		
Burnett	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Burnett Addendum Revised	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Central Darling Downs <sup>§§§</sup>	Revise and extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009
Duarina–Bauhinia	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Far West Queensland	Extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009
Mount Morgan	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
North West Ashy Downs Second Revision	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Northern Darling Downs <sup>****</sup>	Revise and extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009
Southern South-East Revised (Lockyer Valley)	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
South-West Queensland <sup>††††</sup>	Revise and extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009

<sup>+++</sup> Revised area known as Nyngan Revised.

<sup>§§§</sup> Revised area known as Central Darling Downs Revised.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Revised area known as Northern Darling Downs Revised.

<sup>††††</sup> Revised area known as South-West Queensland Revised.

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<b>Queensland (cont.)</b>		
Waggamba	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
Western Downs – Maranoa <sup>****</sup>	Revise and extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009
<b>South Australia</b>		
Central and Eastern Mt Lofty Ranges	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Central Eyre Peninsula	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Central North-East including Annex	Extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009
Clare, Light and Barossa	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Fleurieu Peninsula	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Kangaroo Island	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Lower South East	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Mid North	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Murray–Mallee	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
North West Rangelands	Extend to 15 June 2010	27 May 2009
River Murray and Lower Lakes Corridor	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Upper North District including Annex	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Upper South East	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Western Eyre Peninsula	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Yorke Peninsula	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Revised area known as Western Downs–Maranoa Revised.

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<b>Victoria</b>		
Central and East Gippsland <sup>§§§§</sup>	Cease on 30 September 2008	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 30 April 2009	1 October 2008
Central and East Gippsland Revised	Extend to 30 April 2010	12 February 2009
Central Victoria	Extend under other EC declarations*	19 August 2008
Central Victoria North Revised	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Central Victoria South Revised	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Goulburn–Loddon–Campaspe	Extend under other EC declarations*	19 August 2008
Mallee – Northern Wimmera <sup>*****</sup>	Revise and extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
Mallee – Northern Wimmera Revised	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Murray	Extend under other EC declarations*	19 August 2008
North-East Victoria	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
Northern Victoria <sup>††††</sup>	Revise and extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
Northern Victoria Revised	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009
South-East Mallee	Extend under other EC declarations*	19 August 2008
South and West Gippsland	Extend to 30 April 2010	12 February 2009
South Western Victoria	Extend to 31 March 2010	12 February 2009

<sup>§§§§</sup> Revised area known as Central and East Gippsland Revised.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Revised area known as Mallee – Northern Wimmera Revised.

<sup>††††</sup> Revised area known as Northern Victoria Revised.

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<b>Western Australia</b>		
Northern Wheatbelt	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
North Eastern Wheatbelt	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Cease on 31 March 2009	12 February 2009
Southern Rangelands <sup>****</sup>	Extend to 31 March 2009	19 August 2008
	Revise and extend to 15 June 2009	12 February 2009
Southern Rangelands Revised	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
<b>Northern Territory</b>		
South East Alice Springs	Cease on 15 June 2009	27 May 2009
<b>Tasmania</b>		
Central Midlands	Extend to 30 April 2010	12 February 2009
Northeast and Flinders Island <sup>*****</sup>	Revise and extend to 30 April 2010	12 February 2009

Table 2. NRAC recommendations agreed to by the Minister since 1 July 2009

<b>Area</b>	<b>NRAC Recommendations on EC Declarations</b>	<b>Announcement date</b>
<b>New South Wales</b>		
Bega Valley	EC criteria met; provide full EC assistance	10 September 2009
<b>Victoria</b>		
Latrobe and Macalister Irrigation District	EC criteria not met; EC assistance not warranted	7 August 2009

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Revised area known as Southern Rangelands Revised.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Revised area known as Flinders Island (formerly Northeast and Flinders Island).

\*Overlapping EC declarations covering the same area were combined under rationalised EC declarations.

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9. In the 2008-09 financial year the Minister agreed with all the recommendations that were made by NRAC.
10. Since 1 July 2009 the Minister agreed with all of the recommendations that were made by NRAC.
11. See response to question 10.

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Proponent Name	Proposal Title	Proposed Budget
AgForce QLD	Outcomes for the Outback: protection and production through nature refuges in rural and remote	\$19,980,000
AgForce QLD	Assessing, assisting and reporting practice change in the QLD grains industry through the Grains BMP	\$19,989,015
Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) and Dairy Australia (DA)	Building landscape, community and industry resilience by transforming the irrigated dairy industry in the Murray Darling Basin	\$20,000,000
Camtrade Corporation Pty. Ltd	Reduction of Feral Camel Population and creation of new Live Camel export market and associated enormous employment opportunities to be created.	\$259,600,000
Cape York Sustainable Futures	Landscape-scale management of threats to high conservation value natural and cultural assets on	\$19,977,000
Department of Environment and Resource Management	Secure, protect and manage Cape York's outstanding internationally significant cultural and conservation values for future generations, and to support nomination of the Cape for World Heritage Listing.	\$29,500,000
Desert Channels Queensland (on behalf of nine partners)	Protecting the intact ecosystems, sustainable industries and thriving communities of the Greater Lake Eyre Basin	\$20,000,000
Gondwana Link through Bush Heritage Australia	Improving the condition, connectivity and resilience of habitats across south western Australia	\$19,404,000
Kimberley Land Council (KLC)	Long term innovation and engagement to enhance the natural uniqueness of the Kimberley.	\$19,409,104
Magdiens Australia Pty Ltd	Feral Camel Reduction – An Environmental and Community-based Solution to a Growing Problem	\$23,400,000
Meat & Livestock Australia	Healthy Savannas: Improved condition and resilience of North Australia's grazed tropical savanna landscapes.	\$19,630,000
Murray Darling Basin Authority	Darling Rivers & Wetlands (DRAW) Program - sustaining aquatic habitats in the northern basin	\$20,000,000
Ninti One Ltd (Financial management company for The Desert Knowledge CRC)	Feral camel management to increase biodiversity and cultural values in remote Australia.	\$56,416,576
Parks Victoria on behalf of the Habitat 141 Alliance	Habitat 141 – reconnecting ecosystems and conserving biodiversity on a landscape scale from the outback to the ocean.	\$20,000,000
Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc.	Brigalow 2020 - A Brighter Future for Farms, Flora, and Fauna	\$19,925,000
Sydney Slipways Pty Ltd ACN 103 449 734 ("SS")	Construction of environmentally friendly marine maintenance facility reducing toxic waste disposed in Sydney Harbour	\$45,000,000
Terrain Natural Resource Management	Saving wet tropics biodiversity: Partnerships to build landscape resilience for cassowary, endangered species and communities.	\$19,966,000
Western Catchment Management Authority	Integrating biodiversity conservation as a commercial land use in the NSW rangelands.	\$20,000,000

**National Landcare Facilitator Network****Interim arrangements 2009-2010**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Stakeholder / Organisation</b>
ACT	ACT NRM Council
Border Rivers-Gwydir NSW	Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority
Central West NSW	Central West Catchment Management Authority
Hawkesbury-Nepean NSW	Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority
Lachlan NSW	Lachlan Catchment Management Authority
Lower Murray Darling NSW	Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority
Murray NSW	Murray Catchment Management Authority
Murrumbidgee NSW	Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority
Namoi NSW	Namoi Catchment Management Authority
Northern Rivers NSW	Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority
Southern Rivers NSW	Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority
Sydney Metro NSW	Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority
Western NSW	Western Catchment Management Authority
Northern Territory	Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc.
Border Rivers Maranoa- Balonne QLD	Queensland Murray Darling Committee Inc
Burdekin QLD	NQ Dry Tropics - formally Burdekin Dry Tropics (BDT) Group Inc
Burnett Mary QLD	Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Inc

Note – Three regions have declined funding: Hunter-Central Rivers NSW; Torres Strait and East Gippsland VIC.

Interim Landcare Facilitators appointed from June 2009 – April 2010

Cape York QLD	Cook Shire Council
Condamine QLD	Condamine Catchment Natural Resource Management Corporation Ltd (Condamine Alliance - trading name)
Desert Channels QLD	Desert Channels Queensland
Fitzroy QLD	Fitzroy Basin Association Inc
Mackay Whitsunday QLD	Reef Catchments - Mackay Whitsunday Inc
Northern Gulf QLD	Northern Gulf Resource Management Group
South East Queensland QLD	South East Queensland Catchments Ltd
Southern Gulf QLD	Southern Gulf Catchments Inc
South West Queensland QLD	South West NRM Group Ltd
Wet Tropics QLD	Terrain Natural Resource Management
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges SA	Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board
Alinytjara Wilurara SA	Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resource Management Board
Eyre Peninsula SA	Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management Board
Kangaroo Island SA	Kangaroo Island Natural Resource Management Board
Northern and Yorke SA	Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board
SA Arid Lands SA	SA Arid Lands Natural Resource Management Board
SA Murray Darling Basin SA	SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board
South East SA	South East Natural Resources Management Board
North TAS	North NRM Committee
Cradle Coast TAS	Cradle Coast Authority
South TAS	NRM South Committee
Corangamite VIC	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
Glenelg Hopkins VIC	Glenelg - Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
Goulburn Broken VIC	Goulburn - Broken Catchment Management Authority
Mallee VIC	Mallee Catchment Management Authority



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North Central VIC	North Central Catchment Management Authority
North East VIC	North East Catchment Management Authority
Port Phillip and Westernport VIC	Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority
West Gippsland VIC	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Wimmera VIC	Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
Avon WA	Wheatbelt NRM (Formerly Avon)
Northern Agricultural WA	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
Rangelands WA	Rangelands NRM Coordinating Group Inc.
South Coast WA	South Coast NRM Inc.
South West WA	South West Catchment Council
Swan WA	Perth Region NRM