

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Biodiversity - strategic assessment programs

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Question: **8-11**
Under Biodiversity, how many strategic assessment programs were developed in the last year? What areas did they cover? What did it cost for each program?

Answer:
Answered On: 18/06/2009
Answer: We have approximately \$0.75m committed to the collection of data. That data is for information and knowledge derived from soil and vegetation data collected to provide the basis for land use planning, sustainable development and utilisation and the protection of the Northern Territory's natural resources. It is made up of \$0.22m for soil, land, and vegetation mapping in the Daly River Catchment, which provides a basis for our decision making in the Daly River Plan, etc; \$0.16m for soil erosion and land cover monitoring in the Daly River Catchment, again, relating to land clearing, etc; and \$0.21m for soil, land and vegetation assessments in the Coomalie local government area and Darwin Harbour Catchment, to provide land capability information for peri-urban development in the Darwin area; and \$0.16m for the collection of broad based soil and landscape vegetation information across rangelands for the purpose of sustainable Indigenous land development and pastoral land management. Those include the Top End, Victoria River District, and the Barkly Tableland.