

Estimates Committee 2010 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Aquatic health reports

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Natural Resources Environment and Heritage

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Question:

In regard to aquatic health reports to the minister, on page 222, Budget Paper No 3, for priority catchment drops from six down to two for the next financial year.

Answer:

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The reduction from 6 to 2 reports is an estimate and can increase or decrease. This change reflects a more strategic approach to work on a limited number of priority areas with much greater adherence to standards to ensure outcomes are achieved.

These estimates were made prior to the DHAC monitoring program being endorsed by government in the past few weeks. As a result of this, it is likely this number will increase.

The 2 reports are intended to be developed for the Darwin Harbour and the Daly basin. The reporting is based on extensive and comprehensive monitoring.