Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Committee inquiry: Carbon Farming Initiative
Date Held: 20 April 2011

Question Taken on Notice

Senator Nash asked officers appearing as witnesses at the Carbon Farming Initiative hearing held on 20 April 2011 the following questions which were taken on notice:

Could you on notice just give us a detailed breakdown, for each of those forward years, of what those amounts will be spent on. Mr Gibbs, I think $4 million is to be spent on providing information about the scheme via Landcare. I am happy for you to take on notice as well exactly how that $4 million will be spent through Landcare to put that information out there.

Answer:

The total budget for Landcare communications on the Carbon Farming Initiative from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is shown in Table 1 below.

Regional Workshops
A national program of workshops will be held in each of the natural resource management regions. The workshops will hosted by Regional Landcare Facilitators and bring together farmers, extension officers, local champions, government and research officers and other trusted sources to communicate the latest information on how farmers will benefit from participating in offset markets.

National Forums
Regional Landcare Facilitators and facilitators under the Caring for our Country program will participate in national forums each year until 2013-14. The forums will be a mechanism to update Facilitators, discuss implementation of the extension program and seek feedback.

Training and support material
Initial and ongoing training of facilitators in each state will be required to ensure Facilitators have up-to-date information on the CFI. Similarly, Facilitators will require ongoing material to support their knowledge and workshop delivery.

Table 1. Total budget for CFI Landcare Communications to 2013-2014

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
Total	0.300	1.450	1.300	0.950	4.000