



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

In relation to: Stewardship Payments

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MISS NUTTALL: Awesome. So a brief from July last year says the University of Technology Sydney was engaged to examine legislative and regulatory barriers to establishing stewardship programs. Has this work been completed?

Mr Burkevics: I am not across the detail of that report or that activity, Miss Nuttall. I would be happy to take that on notice and get an update for you.

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Yes. The work of the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) to undertake a literature review and jurisdictional scan of mechanisms in place across Australia to facilitate biodiversity financing and support stewardship of nature was completed in July 2024.

The report by UTS has been used to support the development of a draft Nature Conservation Strategy, and complete the statutory review of the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

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Signature:

Date: 27/11/25

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA