

Question on Notice

No. 537

Asked on Wednesday, 21 May 2025

MR J MARTIN ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) if the Minister's office or the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation consulted with the Environmental Defenders Office on the decision to cut its funding and if so, (b) when was the organisation made aware it would not receive funding under the Crisafulli Government?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government has not cut funding to the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO).

The former Labor Government provided the EDO with a limited-life grant, administered by the Department of Justice. This limited-life grant expires on 30 June 2025 and no further money was budgeted by the former Labor Government before leaving office in October 2024.

The Crisafulli Government has honoured the existing funding arrangement and I am advised the EDO was previously unsuccessful in an independent competitive grants process administered by the Department of Justice.

As this relates to funding administered by the Department of Justice, the Member's question is best referred to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity.