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Dear Cat

In regard to the Question on Notice, my response is:

My understanding is that around 60 facilitator positions (around 30 FTEs) are funded from the DELWP recurrent budget and a further 20 (10 FTE) positions will be funded under a budget initiative. The relevant budget initiative is entitled *Unique biodiversity protection through community-driven action*. It, "... includes continuing the successful Victorian Landcare Program, ensuring that regional Landcare coordinator and facilitator roles are maintained". The initiative is funded for four years from 2021/22, so DELWP will be able to offer four-year funding agreements to successful applicants.

Kind regards

Andrew Maclean