

BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS — RECOVERY PLANS

365. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions management of 292 recovery plans for critically endangered and endangered taxa and ecological communities, and I ask, what level of recurrent funding is allocated to drafting, implementing and evaluating the success of these plans for each year of the forward estimates?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

Recovery Plans provide guidance on recovery actions to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and other organisations. In DBCA many actions are taken across multiple species and locations, (e.g. feral animal control) therefore it is not possible to identify funding allocated to specific species or activities under recovery plans.

In 2020–21 approximately \$5.7 million was expended on development and implementation of approved biodiversity management programs, including recovery plans for threatened species and ecological communities as part of Service 6 – conserving habitats, species and ecological communities. It is anticipated that a similar level of expenditure will be incurred over the forward estimates.