

Environment and Communications References Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Threatened Species Recovery Hub, National Environmental Science Programme
Inquiry into Australia's faunal extinction crisis
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QUESTION: Hansard pages 55–56 – Senator Rice

CHAIR: We've got a list of key threatening processes. How many of those have got threat abatement plans?

Prof. Maron: I don't know, I'm sorry. I would have to check and get back to you.

CHAIR: Is it a small proportion?

Prof. Maron: I think it's a relatively small proportion. Some would have threat abatement advices and some would have threat abatement plans.

CHAIR: What's the difference between the advice and a plan?

Prof. Maron: I'm not particularly clear on the exact difference, but I do gather that the threat abatement advice is much briefer and less of a plan for action as to how we might tackle the response.

CHAIR: Is it similar to recovery plans conservation advice; that the actions in the recovery plan are, at least to some level, enforceable, but the conservation advice isn't? If you want to take it on notice, that's all right.

Prof. Maron: I would like to take it on notice, thank you.

ANSWER:

Of 21 listed Key Threatening Processes, 12 have current (though some are old) Threat Abatement Plans and five have Threat Abatement Advices (some have both). Threat Abatement Advices are non-statutory whereas Threat Abatement Plans are statutory documents under the EPBC Act.