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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

1. What specific priority threats to recovery and actions and policies necessary for recovery of threatened species will be discussed at the Minister's National Threatened Species Summit?
2. Why are those threats determined to be priority threats?

**Answer:**

1. The Department is currently working on preparations for the summit and its content and has commenced consulting with key stakeholders on topics for discussion. Major threats to species include feral animals – particularly cats, fire and loss of habitat.
2. There is a range of scientific work on key threats to threatened species. For example the Action Plan for Australian Mammals identifies feral cats as the single largest threat to many of Australia's small ground-dwelling fauna. The recently announced Threatened Species National Environmental Science Programme hub will also contribute to threat identification and cost-effective responses.