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Senator Rice asked:

Senator RICE: ... Can you tell me the current status of the recovery plan for the spot tailed quoll.

Mr Andrews: To be accurate, I will need to get Mr Richardson to answer that question because he is responsible for the recovery plans. I am not sure of the exact status at the moment. There are 1,800 recovery plans.

Dr de Brouwer: Senator, that is a different outcome and Mr Richardson already appeared in that earlier hearing on 8 February. We can take the question on notice.

Senator RICE: So you cannot tell me the exact status. Do you know, Mr Andrews?

Mr Andrews: I would have to take it on notice for you to ensure accuracy for the Senate.

Answer:

The final draft 'National Recovery Plan for the Spotted-tailed Quoll *Dasyurus maculatus*' was submitted to the Department by the lead author, the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, in 2015. As the plan has now been considered by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee, the Minister for the Environment will receive a brief to formally consider the recovery plan for adoption under the EPBC Act in mid April 2016.