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

Has an evaluation been undertaken of how successful the 2006-2010 Plan has been in meeting its short term objectives? If so, can this evaluation be made public?

**Answer:**

The *Giant Freshwater Lobster Recovery Plan 2006-2010* was reviewed by a panel of experts, including species managers, key scientists and other stakeholders at a workshop convened in Hobart in April 2015. An important component of this workshop was to undertake an assessment of the implementation and effectiveness of the recovery plan. The outcomes of this review, and a subsequent recovery planning workshop, informed the development of the new *Draft Recovery Plan for the Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis gouldi)*. The review of the 2006-2010 Recovery Plan will be published on the Department of the Environment's website when the new draft Recovery Plan is released for public consultation later this year.