

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Programme: Wildlife Heritage and Marine Division (WHM)
Topic: Spotted tailed quolls (*Dasyurus maculatus*)
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Senator Rice asked:

1. When will the Recovery Plan for the Spotted Tailed Quoll be publicly released?
2. When will funding be made available to finally commence implementing the recovery plan?

Answer:

1. The Minister for the Environment is to receive a brief by mid April 2016 for him to consider the recovery plan for adoption under the EPBC Act. If the Minister agrees to adopt the recovery plan under the EPBC Act, the plan will be published on the Department's website.
2. Once adopted, the recovery plan will be used alongside other recovery plans and conservation advices to guide Australian Government decisions on investment in threatened species recovery under existing programme such as the Green Army and 20 Million Trees.