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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Actually, following along similar lines I was interested in an update on the swift parrot recovery and what were the outcomes of the November 2016 teleconference?

Mr Andrews: Senator, I was not part of that teleconference. The people in the Wildlife and Marine Division in outcome 1.4 attend those meetings. I would have to get back to you on that and take it on notice.

Answer:

The purpose of the November Swift Parrot Recovery Team meeting (teleconference) was to

- Discuss Terms of Reference for the Recovery Team;
- Get an update on the current breeding season;
- Get an update from jurisdictions on swift parrot conservation work;
- Discuss possible expenditure of money from an environmental offset.

Outcomes of the meeting were:

- A summary was provided by researchers from the Australian National University on their monitoring program and nest box work, and by Birdlife on the non-breeding season monitoring program
- The Department committed to developing an 'Action Plan' to help prioritise the spending of a \$500,000 offset from Whitehaven Coal that is to be provided as part of an EPBC Act approval offset.