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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

In January 2017 it was reported that up to 16 orange-bellied parrots died as a result of exposure to bacteria at the Tasmanian Government's captive breeding program in Tarooma.

Has the threat management and biosecurity protocols at Tarooma been re-evaluated following the recent deaths? What is the outcome of this evaluation?

Answer:

Two reviews of the mortality event are being undertaken. They are looking at operations at Tarooma (the breeding facility) and Melaleuca (the release grounds). Associate Professor David Phalen is reviewing the events at Tarooma and Dr Andrew Peters is reviewing the operations at the release grounds at Melaleuca. Associate Professor Phalen's review has been finalised and is being considered by DPIPW. Dr Peters' review is being finalised.