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Senator Chisholm asked:

Senator CHISHOLM: Perhaps I could ask that you take on notice how much funding has been received from the private sector.

Mr Andrews: I would be delighted to do that for you.

Answer:

Nearly all projects supported in the Threatened Species Strategy are partnerships and leverage support from other organisations, government and private. The \$211 million mobilised to date is that by the Australian Government. Private funding leveraged with this is significant.

Examples of Threatened Species Strategy initiatives that include private sector investment include:

- Raine Island green turtle hatchery protection – BHP Billiton providing \$5.5 million as part of a \$7.95 million public private partnership.
- Google Australia partnership with cesar to support the platypusSPOT app – \$50,000.
- San Diego Zoo investing in platypus and threatened freshwater fish habitat research - \$500,000.
- Orange-bellied parrot recovery - crowdfunding campaign raised \$140,978, building on Australian Government investment of \$705,000 for urgent and innovative actions, plus 9 Green Army projects and a 20 Million Trees project improving habitat.
 - Non-government resourcing for orange-bellied parrot also includes volunteer effort of 1176 person days since 2014
- Norfolk Island green parrot - crowdfunding campaign for the Norfolk Island green parrot of \$86,529, building the success of a \$300,000 Australian Government investment to address threats.
- Mulligan's Flat Woodlands Sanctuary - crowdfunding campaign for Mulligan's Flat fence expansion in ACT has raised \$31,798 to-date. This is part of more than \$2 million of investment, include a \$900,000 land development offset, to create a predator-free safe haven for threatened small mammals.

The Threatened Species Prospectus is an open invitation to the private sector to build on existing action to develop partnerships and grow capital for threatened species management.