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Senator Urquhart asked:

What is the current average length of time for the Department to undertake such reviews?
Without timely reviews what is the utility of such plans?

Answer:

The time taken to review a recovery plan varies considerably across recovery plans and is dependent on the amount of new information available, the time needed to collate the information, the complexities of the issues involved and the number of stakeholders participating. Reviews may be conducted in a workshop convened by a recovery team; other reviews may be facilitated by a responsible state agency or by the Department. The length of time taken varies from one month to up to twelve months or more.

A recovery plan review is a mechanism to document and assess progress of implementation of the plan. The review recommends whether the recovery plan needs varying under the EPBC Act. While a review is underway, and until such time a recovery plan is varied under the EPBC Act, the plan remains in force guiding relevant decision making.