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Senator Urquhart asked:

Could you please provide information on the Threatened Species Scientific Committee? What I am seeking is membership, budget and expenditure broken down into sitting fees, travel, administrative costs etc. Please provide this for the current financial year and the 2016-17 financial year (budgeted).

Answer:

Membership

The Threatened Species Scientific Committee consists of ten members including the chair.

Membership is summarised in the table below. Additional information on the members of the Committee is available on the Department's website at the following link:

www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/tssc/committee-members

Member	Term Expiry Date
Professor Helene Marsh (Chair)	30 November 2018
Dr Sue McIntyre	30 November 2015
Dr Sarah Legge	30 November 2015
Professor David Keith	30 October 2016
Professor Stuart Bunn	30 October 2016
Professor Kingsley Dixon	30 November 2019
Dr Nicola Mitchell	30 November 2019
Dr Hamish Campbell	30 November 2019
Professor Colin Simpfendorfer	30 November 2019
Dr David Kendal	30 November 2018

Budget and expenditure

Sitting fees for the Threatened Species Scientific Committee are currently set at \$1,017 per day for the chair and \$718 per day for members.

The funding for the Threatened Species Scientific Committee is drawn from the Department's appropriation. For the 2014-15 financial year, the Department allocated a budget of \$270,000 to support the Committee. A breakdown of the 2014-15 expenditure to date for the Committee is provided in the table below. The budget for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 years has yet to be determined.

Item	2014-15 expenditure (at 17 June 2015)
Sitting Fees	\$197,364
Administrative expenses	\$2,787
Travel	\$78,463