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Senator Urquhart asked:

What specific marine ecosystem health indicators are you planning to establish a baseline for by 30 June 2017? Why those indicators in particular? What will be the utility of these indicators? Can you foresee any potential delays in achieving this timeframe?

Answer:

Ecosystem health indicators will be adopted that build on the work of the National Environmental Science Program (NESP), other scientific research providers and the work of the Expert Scientific Panel, chaired by Associate Professor Bob Beeton, as part of the Commonwealth marine reserve review. We do not foresee any potential delays in developing the baseline indicators within the timeframe.