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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide us with a list of the species you are focusing on?

Mr Andrews: Yes, I can give you a list.

Senator URQUHART: I am just conscious of time.

Mr Andrews: I need to be clear, though: I have focused more on the threats than on the species. By tackling the threat of feral cats, for example, I can assist multiple species. So the threats are the way to go to get the maximum return.

Answer:

The Threatened Species Strategy identifies an initial group of ten mammals and ten birds for action, plus two mammals and two birds that are earmarked for emergency intervention. They include:

- Mammals – Numbat, Mala, Mountain pygmy-possum, Greater bilby, Golden bandicoot, Brush-tailed rabbit-rat, Eastern bettong, Western quoll, Kangaroo Island dunnart, Eastern barred bandicoot, Leadbeater's possum (emergency intervention) central rock-rat (emergency intervention).
- Birds – Norfolk Island green parrot, Mallee emu-wren, Plains wanderer, Alligator Rivers yellow chat, Night parrot, Helmeted honeyeater, Norfolk Island boobook owl, Hooded plover, Eastern bristlebird, Regent honeyeater, Orange-bellied parrot (emergency intervention) and Western ground parrot (emergency intervention).