

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice

Environment portfolio

Question No: 50
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Programme: Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)
Topic: Threatened Species Commissioner – Summit in July 2015
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Senator Urquhart asked:

The Minister has said you will chair will hold a one-day National Threatened Species and Feral Animals Summit at Melbourne Zoo in July this year. How are preparations proceeding for this event? Can you walk us through what the summit focus will be? How much will it cost and who will be invited?

Has the agenda been determined yet? If so, can you summarise it?

Answer:

1. The Threatened Species Summit was held on 16 July at Melbourne Zoo. The summit included: opening addresses; focused sessions on *Partnership and community engagement for threatened species recovery* and *Feral cat approaches*; three parallel sessions which focused on *Working together*, *Innovation* and *Practical Action*; and closing remarks from traditional owners and Minister Hunt. The Summit also launched the Threatened Species Strategy, the Threat Abatement Plan for predation by feral cats, and the Feralcatscan app. Further information on the Summit is available at:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/commissioner/threatened-species-summit>.
2. Costs for the Threatened Species Summit are \$170,274.32 (GST incl). This figure includes costs for staff travel and other transport costs that are yet to be acquitted.
3. Invitees included: international guests, state and territory government ministers, Natural Resource Management CEOs, National Environment Science Programme research hub leaders, conservation ecologist and invasive species scientists, invasive animal organisations, conservation NGO's, community group representatives and 'Friends of' groups, zoos, traditional owners, the RSPCA, business and industry.
- 4 & 5. The agenda is attached for reference.



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MELBOURNE 16 JULY 2015

AGENDA

Venue: Melbourne Zoo - Date: 16 July 2015

Timing	Agenda Item	Presenters
8.30	Registration	
9.00	Welcome and recognition of Country from Chair	Mr Gregory Andrews, Threatened Species Commissioner
9.05	Opening speech	The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for the Environment
9.30	Messages of welcome and support	Mr Anthony Carbines MP, VIC Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment Ms Jane Goodall
9.40	The New Zealand Experience	The Hon Maggie Barry MP ONZM, New Zealand Minister for Conservation
10.00	The United States of America Experience	US Government
10.20	MORNING TEA	
10.40	Panel session one – Partnership and community engagement for threatened species recovery, chaired by SA Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, the Hon Ian Hunter MLC	Mr Chris Hibbard, Zoo & Aquarium Association Dr James Fitzsimons, The Nature Conservancy Ms Kylie Piper, Arid Recovery Mr Hugh Wareham, Greening Australia and Ms Karen Cmiel, Alzheimers Australia ACT
11.45	Panel session two – Feral cat approaches, chaired by WA Minister for Environment; Heritage, the Hon Albert Jacob	Mr Atticus Fleming, Australian Wildlife Conservancy Mr Mike Misso, Christmas Island National Park Dr Katherine Moseby, University of Adelaide, Ecological Horizons Pty Ltd Mr Richard Trethewey, Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board



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12.35	NETWORKING LUNCH		
13.40	<i>Working Together</i> Chaired by NSW Minister for the Environment, Heritage, Mark Speakman SC MP Dr Grainne Maguire & Ms Samantha Vine, Birdlife Australia Ms Rosemary Bissett, National Australia Bank Ms Kelly O'Shanassy, Australian Conservation Foundation	<i>Innovation</i> Chaired by Prof Helene Marsh, Chair Threatened Species Scientific Committee & James Cook University Dr Euan Ritchie, Deakin University Ms Rachel Lowry, Zoos Victoria Assoc Prof Adrian Manning, Australian National University Dr Andrew Weeks, University of Melbourne	<i>Practical Action</i> Chaired by Prof Hugh Possingham, NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub Prof John Woinarski, NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub Mr Keith Morris, WA Department of Parks and Wildlife Prof David Lindenmayer, Australian National University, NESP Hub
14.50	AFTERNOON TEA		
15.30	<i>Indigenous feral cat control and fire management presentation</i>		Ms Napangarti Ward and Kiwirrkura Community
15.40	<i>Summary of breakout sessions and open discussion</i>		
16.30	<i>Closing remarks</i>		The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for the Environment
16.50	<i>Networking until 18.00</i>		