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**Senator Rice asked:**

**Senator RICE:** I also note that they no longer log their native forests—but that is another point. Moving on to another species but still staying in Far East Gippsland, can you please tell us what stage the recovery plan is at for the spot tailed quoll?

**Mr Andrews:** I will need to take that on notice. It would be the wildlife and marine division that would respond to that.

**Senator RICE:** Also, what resources has the federal government committed for its recovery?

**Answer:**

In June 2015 the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning submitted the final draft National Recovery Plan for the Spotted-tailed Quoll *Dasyurus maculatus* to the Department of the Environment for consideration. The Department is seeking endorsement of the plan by those other states and territories in which the species is found. Once this endorsement has been received, the plan will be formally considered for adoption under the EPBC Act.

Once the recovery plan is finalised, and adopted under the EPBC Act, the plan will be used alongside other recovery plans to guide Australian Government investment in threatened species recovery.