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Senator Rice asked:

Senator RICE: Moving on to swift parrots, these questions may be more for the department rather than the Threatened Species Commissioner but I am not sure—I am still confused about where the roles overlap. We have an issue of sugar glider predation of swift parrots. Has consideration been given to incorporating the recent body of scientific work demonstrating the impacts of sugar glider predation and the direct and indirect impacts of logging on the swift parrot into the swift parrot national recovery plan?

Mr Thompson: It can because it is a recovery planning question. Program 1.4 is the right program to ask those questions because that is the part of the department that does the recovery planning activity. There are no officers at the table who I think can answer that, so I think we will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Both the Department and the swift parrot recovery team are aware of the recent literature, which contributes to the shaping of annual priorities for the conservation of the species.

The swift parrot recovery plan was adopted in January 2012 and will be reviewed within five years, at which time this type of information will be formally considered as part of the review.