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ARRANGEMENTS PROTECTING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF
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Senator Waters asked:

The Review says on the first page it was released in 'September 2014'. Please confirm that recommendation 11 of the WHC's Reactive Monitoring Mission that results of the review of institutional and legal mechanisms should provide input in the Strategic Assessment was adhered to.

Answer:

The final version of the Independent Review Report was received by the Department on 11 September 2014. The Independent Review Report was released as soon as possible after this date.

The strategic assessment identified a range of areas for action. The findings of the strategic assessment are being addressed through the *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan*. The *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan* highlights the actions (including those identified through the strategic assessment and Independent Review Report) that must be taken to protect the Reef for the next 35 years. The *Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan* is being completed following public consultation. The Independent Review Report is informing its finalisation.