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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Senator URQUHART: Over four years, yes. Are you also able to clarify how you will ensure that those funds are allocated to priority activities identified in the threatened species or ecological community recovery plans?

Mr Andrews: Unless somebody thinks differently, I think it probably is. I am very happy to answer that question, because as the Threatened Species Commissioner I want to make sure that we get maximum return from every dollar.

So far, I have received over 50 proposals without even formally asking for them. They all have merit. That reinforces the need for a prioritisation approach, which is part of my terms of reference for year 2.....

Senator URQUHART: Thanks very much. You started to answer the second question that I asked about the identification of priorities for nationally listed threatened species. I have another four questions, but I think I will put them on notice because we have some other things that we need to move on to.

**Answer:**

No further input required.