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Senator Waters asked:

The North East Shipping Management Plan was released earlier this month. In that plan, to address concerns over the threat of ship strikes on whales and other marine life the plan lists as an action "The Department of Environment to finalise the National Ship Strike Strategy with relevant government and non-government stakeholders".

1. What progress is being made with the ship strike strategy, in particular,
 - a. Is there a draft strategy?
 - b. What is the timeline for finalising the strategy?

Answer:

- a. The Department has a preliminary draft National Ship Strike Strategy which it is developing for public consultation.
- b. It is anticipated that the draft strategy will be released for public comment in early 2015 and the strategy finalised by the end of 2015.