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Senator Rice asked:

Senator RICE: What is your view regarding the need for a recovery team for this species?

Mr Richardson: There has been a recovery team for the Leadbeater's possum for some period. That has been slightly in hiatus while the Victorian government has undertaken its reassessment of its management arrangements for that species and it recently released an action statement. We have a recovery plan for the species that we are looking to review and the Victorian government is committed to participating with us in that review in coming months.

Senator RICE: Is there a time line for that review?

Mr Richardson: I could not tell you the time line for it.

Senator RICE: Could you get back to us on the time line and take it on notice?

Mr Richardson: Absolutely; I will take it on notice.

Answer:

It is anticipated the review of the recovery plan for Leadbeater's possum will be completed by February 2015. The Victorian Government and other stakeholders involved in the plan's implementation are engaged in the review.