Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Senator Peris asked:

1. What impact did the fire have on plants and animals, especially small or threatened species?

Answer:

Parks Australia, in consultation with the Supervising Scientist, are undertaking detailed assessments of the burnt areas. Kakadu park staff are working with traditional owners to determine if there have been significant impacts on plants and animals. Active management by Kakadu staff of the fire along the escarpment prevented the fire from burning into some environmentally sensitive places.