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Senator Rice asked:

1. At what stage is the Recovery Plan for the 'Thylacine of the mainland', the Spot-tailed Quoll?
2. What resources are the Federal Government committing to for its recovery?
3. Given the prolonged delay in producing a Recovery Plan, resulting in at least a decade of inaction on addressing the causal factors responsible for the species' ongoing decline, what immediate funding will be made available to start implementing the 'priority actions' listed in the Recovery Plan?

Answer:

1. In June 2015 the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, as lead author, submitted the final draft National Recovery Plan for the Spotted-tailed Quoll *Dasyurus maculatus* to the Department of the Environment for consideration. The Department is finalising a brief to the Minister to formally consider the recovery plan for adoption under the EPBC Act.
2. The Threatened Species Commissioner has mobilised \$200,000 to assist with the intensive management of Mt Lewis, Mt Spurgeon and Mt Windsor National Parks in far north Queensland. This work will support the spotted-tailed quoll and is a partnership between the Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Queensland Government and the Australian Government.
3. Once the recovery plan has been adopted under the EPBC Act, the plan will, alongside other recovery plans and conservation advices, guide Australian Government investment in threatened species recovery.