

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question: PM26**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Swift Parrot survey funding**

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**Senator Brown asked: My information is the survey that was being done on the swift parrot on the mainland in winter, which was to establish its numbers, has been defunded; it is no longer being funded. Is that right or wrong?**

**Dr Dickson-I do not know. I cannot answer that.**

**Mr Mrdak-We will take that on notice, if that is okay. We will come back to you with a response as soon as possible.**

**Answer: Commonwealth funding for the coordination of mainland winter surveys of the swift parrot ceased in 2006. Since 2006, the New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change has funded the coordination of the surveys.**