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Senator Waters asked:

Do you have any guidance for what qualifications the new Commissioner will have to have? What resources will be dedicated to the Commissioner – will he or she have any dedicated staff?

Answer:

The Commissioner has expertise and experience inside and outside of Government in bringing people together to design and successfully implement practical solutions to complicated problems. More information on the Threatened Species Commissioner's background can be found on the Department's website at

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/commissioner>.

The Commissioner identifies and secures partners and resources in implementing high priority actions to secure Australia's threatened species and leverages key Australian Government programmes such as the National Landcare Programme and Green Army as part of this.

The Commissioner is supported by a small team of departmental staff and also draws upon an informal group of expert advisors who provide advice on the Commissioner's work and implementation of his Terms of Reference. Further details on the members of the expert advisory group can be found at

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/commissioner/advisers>.