

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Minister, I asked whether the department, within the term of this parliament, is planning to work on or prepare legislation to amend section 487 of the EPBC Act in order to restrict the types of groups that would have standing to appeal decisions under the act.

Senator Ruston: I will have to take that on notice and take it up with the minister.

Answer:

The Department advises the Minister on legislative amendments including as part of the Government's reform agenda for the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The approach to, and the timing of any legislative amendments, is a matter for Government.