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Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. Can you expand on the range of approaches to improve effective conservation within protected areas on which the Government is working with reserve partners? Can you provide an example of some of those reserve partners and their engagement in this process?

Answer:

The Department held two meetings with key conservation NGOs in June and October 2015 and is currently holding preliminary discussions with representatives from State and Territory Governments (environment departments and park agencies) to scope possible areas of collaboration for improving outcomes from the NRS. These discussions are in the early stages and are being held in the context of the review of Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, which is due for completion in December 2015.