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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. Now that the Threatened Species Strategy has been released, what are the next steps for its implementation?
2. What are the key "hard, measurable targets" in the strategy?
3. How much will the strategy cost to implement? Can you provide a break-down of the spending within the strategy?

Answer:

1. The next steps are outlined in the Action Plan against each of the targets.
2. The hard and measurable targets are detailed in the Action Plan of Threatened Species Strategy on pages on pages 46 – 59 which is available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/threatened-species-strategy>.
3. The Threatened Species Strategy is clear that we all have a role to play in threatened species recovery. Its implementation and resourcing will be a collective national effort delivered by the Australian Government, state and territory governments, and the non-government and private sectors. At the Threatened Species Summit in July this year, projects worth \$6.6 million were announced to help deliver the targets the Strategy, which brings the total to more than \$111 million since July 2014 that has been committed to projects in support of threatened species.