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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. Other than threats from feral cats, what other threats are you focusing on to get the maximum return on investment for threatened species?

Answer:

By prioritising action and effort on the basis of the principles on pages 20-21 of the Threatened Species Strategy (available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/threatened-species-strategy>) and focusing on the four action areas outlined on pages 40-43 of the Threatened Species Strategy's accompanying Action Plan, the Department is focusing on a range of priority threats. Among others, these include feral cats, foxes, fire, habitat degradation, habitat fragmentation, feral pigs, goats, rats, rabbits, multiple invasive insects, chytrid fungus, eroision, invasive weeds, invasive birds, cane toads, myrtle rust, climate change and toxoplasmosis.