

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 47  
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**Topic:** Threatened Species - species removed from the Commonwealth list  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

1. Can you provide a list of the species that have been removed from the Commonwealth's list of threatened species before 18 September 2013, and why those species were removed?

**Answer:**

Between the 16 July 2000 (the commencement of the list under the EPBC Act) and 18 September 2015, 144 species were removed from the list of threatened species.

A list of all the species removed and the reasons they were removed can be found on the Department of the Environment's web site at the following link: [www.environment.gov.au/cgi-tmp/publiclistchanges.33b8562da3bc35eb7c3f.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-tmp/publiclistchanges.33b8562da3bc35eb7c3f.html)

The two key reasons for a species being removed from the list are:

- Additional information became available to assess the species as no longer eligible.
- New taxonomic research determined that the species was no longer considered to be an accepted species and was therefore ineligible for inclusion on the list.