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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

1. What is the process for incorporating recent research into the threatened species datasets and documentation held by the Department of Environment that inform conservation advice for the minister?
2. How often are the threatened species datasets and documentation held by the Department of the Environment updated?

**Answer:**

1. Recent research is routinely used to update the Department's Species Profiles and Threats database and associated spatial information. These updates are undertaken by the Department. The research is also incorporated into statutory documents (including approved conservation advices, made or adopted recovery plans and threat abatement plans) as part of reviewing and updating the plans.
2. The threatened species datasets and documentation held by the Department of the Environment are updated as new data and information become available. Updates are also made in association with new listings, reassessments and changes of conservation category, adopting or making of recovery plans, and approval of new or updated conservation advices.