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Senator McKim asked:

Mr Andrews: There was some conflict in the recovery team and I have been negotiating and the chair of the recovery team has stepped down. My understanding is that everybody is willing to come to the table to continue working together.

Senator McKIM: I am very pleased to hear that. In that case, what is the current status of the strategic species plan, and has the Tasmanian department provided a draft version of that, either through the recovery team or through other channels to the department?

Mr Andrews: Sorry, Senator, I am not aware of the strategic species plan for the swift parrot.

Senator McKIM: You are not aware of that, Mr Thompson?

Mr Thompson: No, sorry, we are not aware of that.

Senator McKIM: I might just put that on notice, it might just be that it has a different name?

Mr Thompson: We are happy to do that.

Answer:

A final draft of the Strategic Species Plan for the Swift Parrot has been prepared and is currently with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment awaiting updating in response to new information. The Department is represented on a steering committee which has oversight of the drafting of the Strategic Species Plan.