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Senator McKim asked:

1. In what year was funding allocated to Tasmania for the RFA Priority Species Project to develop a strategic plan to protect swift parrots and identify their habitat? (According to the state DPIPWE site the project started in Feb 2010 and was supposed to run for three financial years.)
2. Exactly how much money was allocated to the project and in particular development of the strategic plan?
3. When did the department receive the final strategic plan?
4. When will the final strategic plan be put into action?
5. Why hasn't this plan been made public?

Answer:

1. The Australian Government contracted the Tasmanian Government to deliver the project *Developing a framework for the conservation of habitat of Regional Forest Agreement priority species and a Strategic Species Plan for the Swift Parrot (Lathamus discolor)* in February 2010. The project was due for completion in 2013.
2. \$300,000 was allocated to the development of Strategic Species Plan for the Swift Parrot.
3. The Department received a final project deliverable, a draft Strategic Species Plan for the Swift Parrot from DPIPWE on 23 December 2013.
4. The draft of the Strategic Species Plan for the Swift Parrot is with the Tasmanian government awaiting updating in response to new information. The Tasmanian government advises that it is currently guiding management actions for the swift parrot in Tasmania.
5. The draft Strategic Species Plan for the Swift Parrot is subject to final revision and endorsement by the Tasmanian government prior to its release.