

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts**  
**Inquiry into the Operation of the**  
***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)**  
Answers to questions on notice

**Question Number**            2  
**Division:**                    Approvals and Wildlife Division  
**Branch:**                     Wildlife Branch  
**Topic:**                        Nominations for Threatened Species  
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**Senator Siewert asked:**

Since commencement of the 2006 amendments to the EPBC Act, for the first and second year respectively,

- a) How many nominations for threatened species have been received?
- b) How many nominations for threatened species have been prioritised?
- c) How many nominations for threatened species have not been actioned?
- d) How many nominations for threatened species were not accepted?  
Of these,
  - (i) how many nominations will roll over to next year, and
  - (ii) how many nominations have now dropped off the list?

**Answers:**

Since the commencement of the 2006 amendments to the EPBC Act:

- a) a total of 45 new nominations (28 threatened species, 13 ecological communities and 4 key threatening processes) have been received. A total of 60 nominations (23 species, 29 ecological communities and 8 key threatening processes) received prior to the 2006 EPBC Act amendments were also eligible to be considered for prioritisation;
- b) a total of 71 items (47 species, 18 ecological communities and 6 key threatening processes) have been placed on the 2007 and 2008 Finalised Priority Assessment Lists (FPALs);
- c) of these 71 items, the Minister has made a decision on 32 items (25 species and 7 ecological communities). The remaining 39 items (22 species, 11 ecological communities and 6 key threatening processes) are currently under assessment by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee;

- d) a total of 39 items (12 species, 22 ecological communities and 5 key threatening process) were not included on the 2007 FPAL. All 39 items were eligible for reconsideration in the 2008 assessment round. Subsequently four items (1 species, 1 key threatening process and 2 ecological communities) were not reconsidered in 2008. Of these, the species nomination was withdrawn by the nominator as it was no longer recognised as a distinct species, one key threatening process and one ecological community were received a second time as new nominations and one ecological community nomination was incorporated into another ecological community being assessed on the 2007 FPAL

A total of 30 items (3 species, 22 ecological communities and 5 key threatening processes) were not included on the 2008 FPAL. Of these, nine items (1 species, 5 ecological communities and 3 key threatening processes) are eligible for reconsideration in 2009.

A total of 21 items (2 species, 17 ecological communities and 2 key threatening processes) have been considered twice and are no longer eligible for consideration. New nominations of these items may be submitted in future years for consideration for listing.