

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE — CARNABY'S COCKATOO

3445. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

With reference to the Carnaby's Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) Recovery Plan, Western Australian Wildlife Management Program No. 52, published by the Department of Parks and Wildlife in October 2013, which is costed at \$7.73 million over 10 years, what specific Budget allocations have been made by Government to the Department in the 2014–2015 Budget to implement the plan?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

The Australian Government requires recovery plans to include an indicative estimate of costs for recovery actions. Specific budgets are not normally provided for plan implementation. While no specific budget allocation has been made with respect to this particular plan, Parks and Wildlife undertakes conservation activities for Carnaby's cockatoo as a high priority, in addition to management of other iconic threatened species, including through its flagship \$3m per year *Western Shield* program.

Since the Liberal–National Government came to office in 2008, funding of more than \$9.3m has supported black cockatoo conservation. In addition, private companies and developers have been required to invest more than \$20m to acquire 15 000 hectares of banksia woodland to protect Carnaby's cockatoos.