

ENVIRONMENT — CRITICALLY ENDANGERED, ENDANGERED  
OR VULNERABLE ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES — NOMINATIONS

888. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Has the Minister or the Director General of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) or staff in DBCA received any nominations for critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable species from the public or the Threatened Species Scientific Committee since 2018:
  - (a) if yes to (1), how many?
- (2) Have all such nominations been forwarded to the Minister for consideration of listing under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*:
  - (a) if no to (2), why not?
- (3) Are the 678 species currently endorsed by the Minister all listed under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*:
  - (a) if no to (3), why not?
- (4) Are recovery plans in place for all of these 678 threatened species:
  - (a) if no to (4), why not?
- (5) Are the Minutes, records of meetings and Reports of the Threatened Species Scientific Committee available to the public:
  - (a) if yes to (5), where may they be found; and
  - (b) if no to (5), why not?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) Seven.
- (2) No.
  - (a) One nominated species occurs within other Australian States or Territories, and this nomination has been referred to the Commonwealth Government for assessment, in accordance with the *Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding – Agreement on a Common Assessment Method for Listing of Threatened Species and Threatened Ecological Communities*. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is working with nominees to ensure that the remaining nominations satisfy the information requirements specified in 2.2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 Ministerial Guideline Number 1* and these nominations will be provided to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee for assessment, once the information requirements are met.
- (3) Yes.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (4) No.
  - (a) Development of recovery plans is prioritised for threatened species, for example when there are significant complexities in conservation planning arising from multiple significant threats, occurrence across multiple land tenures, large numbers of stakeholders and social, cultural or economic significance.
- (5) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.
  - (b) As per the Code of Conduct for Western Australian Scientific Committees, Committee recommendations are confidential and must not be disclosed by members until after the decision on those recommendations and the outcome is published in the *Government Gazette*.