

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MRS SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

How has the 'Back on Track' program made a difference for some of our most threatened species?

ANSWER:

The 'Back on Track species prioritisation framework' increases the capacity of the Queensland Government, NRM groups, and the community to prioritise decisions about where to focus action and investment to protect and recover Queensland's threatened species.

During the past three years, the Department of Environment and Resource Management has been working on the 'Back on Track species prioritisation framework'. This framework is a first for Australia, and is creating a major shift in how we approach threatened species recovery.

This framework prioritises species using multiple criteria, to identify the species that are in trouble and which have the greatest chance of recovery. The framework enables limited conservation resources for threatened species to be strategically targeted to achieve multi-species and landscape-level outcomes.

To date, more than 4,260 plant and animal species in Queensland from marine, freshwater and terrestrial habitats have been assessed using the 'Back on Track species prioritisation framework' criteria.

This information will form part of our Biodiversity Strategy in the near future.