

Question on Notice

No. 260

Asked on Thursday, 19 March 2024

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Auditor-General's Report Protecting our threatened animals and plants (Report 9: 2022-23)—

Will the Minister (a) provide an update on the 366 animals and plants required to be reassessed using the nationally agreed assessment method (paragraph 2, page 11), specifically how many of these species have now been reassessed and how many are now determined to be at risk and (b) provide the current number of threatened plant and animal species across Queensland broken down by level of threat?

ANSWER:

- (a) Of the 366 animals and plants required to be reassessed, 275 species have been reassessed using the nationally agreed assessment method. Of these 275, 100 have been considered and endorsed by the Species Technical Committee. Of these 100, 91 are still considered threatened (1 as Extinct, 15 as Critically Endangered, 28 as Endangered, and 47 as Vulnerable). The other 175 animals and plants have been reassessed and are scheduled for consideration at upcoming Species Technical Committee meetings.
- (b) There are currently 1,066 threatened plant and animal species in Queensland (805 plants and 261 animals). Of these, 32 are listed as Extinct or Presumed Extinct (17 plants and 15 animals), 146 as Critically Endangered (103 plants and 43 animals), 310 as Endangered (220 plants and 90 animals), 578 as Vulnerable (465 plants and 113 animals).