

Forty-Spotted Pardalote – Conservation

Mrs PETRUSMA question to MINISTER for PARKS and ENVIRONMENT

Constituents have raised with me concerns in regard to the forty-spotted pardalote, a highly specialised and endemic species to Tasmania found only in forests where white gums are present. Historically, the species is widely distributed across the eastern half of Tasmania and also on King Island. However, it is now largely confined to a few islands off the coast of Tasmania and headlands and peninsulas in south and south-eastern Tasmania. Its population decline has meant the species is now listed endangered, both under Tasmania's *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* and the *federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Can you please explain to my constituents how the Tasmanian government is working to support this important species, in particular about a long-term plan for its recovery?