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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Copy of letter from Defence

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QUESTION No.: AI-64

Senator KETTER: Is the minister aware that in February the member for Leichhardt wrote to the Minister for Defence suggesting that land near Weipa and RAAF Scherger be used instead of land at Shoalwater Bay and at Charters Towers?

Senator Canavan: I would have to check and take on notice whether I received a copy of that letter, but I was aware of those reports and others have put forward the Scherger option. I have raised it with Defence. They had a particular view on that option. I think it is appropriate for them to provide you information on their view on it. You will have opportunities to put those questions directly to them. Yes, I was aware and I did talk to Defence about them.

ANSWER

Minister Canavan received a copy of the letter from the Hon Warren Entsch MP, Member for Leichhardt, to Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Defence, on 13 January 2017.