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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Program: Infrastructure Australia

Division/Agency: Infrastructure Australia

Topic: Peer reviews of modelling

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Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Senator RICE: Do you know of the existence of independent peer reviews that have been done of the transport modelling and the economic modelling?

Mr Davies: I am not aware of that. I will refer to my colleagues to—

Senator RICE: I asked Mr Mrdak the same question earlier, but I mean within Infrastructure Australia.

Mr Davies: Perhaps Ms Chau can comment on that.

Ms Chau: We understand there has been some peer review of traffic models, but we have not seen the results of those.

Senator RICE: Do you think that it would be valuable to you to see the results of those peer reviews?

Ms Chau: It would be in terms of the actual recommendations.

Senator RICE: So are you going to be requesting those independent peer reviews?

Ms Chau: We have asked for other information as part of our review.

Senator RICE: Have you requested the independent peer reviews?

Ms Chau: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Infrastructure Australia has not requested peer reviews of the Western Distributor project. Infrastructure Australia undertakes its own independent economic analysis of project proposals, based on the business case and supporting material provided by the proponent (state government).