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Senator Xenophon asked:

Ms Harwood: We do not have formal business cases for alternate projects. We have had some discussions with South Australia and they have put some draft propositions to us for the use of their remaining state priority project funding.

Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide those for me?

Ms Harwood: I would ask the South Australian government if they were comfortable. I think they were still working on them. They were very much in draft and I think they would probably prefer that they have the chance to develop them to a more formal point before sharing them.

Answer:

The South Australian Government has advised that it is still developing its priorities for the use of remaining State Priority Project funding and it is possible that the potential projects that were provided to the Department of the Environment for informal feedback, will not be formally submitted to the Commonwealth for consideration.

On this basis, South Australia has advised it would not be appropriate for the draft proposals to be released.