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Senator Dean Smith

Question

Senator DEAN SMITH: Does the department recognise how important disrupting the importation of aviation fuel is as a means to curtail the success of the regime in continuing violence against civilians?

Ms Smith: Yes. We spoke a little bit earlier about the sanctions that Australia applied, focused on stemming jet fuel supply, in February 2024. We're also very conscious that other partners have put complementary sanctions on with respect to the supply of aviation fuel. Those are settings that remain under regular review.

Senator DEAN SMITH: **Is the effectiveness of those sanctions assessed? Have they been assessed to be effective or ineffective as it relates specifically to the importation of aviation fuel?**

Ms Smith: I can take that question on notice.

Answer

On 1 February 2024, Australia imposed targeted sanctions on five entities in Myanmar, designed to limit the regime's access to the funds and military matériel that enable it to continue to commit atrocities against its own people.

This included targeted sanctions on two banks that enable the regime's activities, Myanma Foreign Trade Bank and Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, and three entities that supply jet fuel to the Myanmar military, Asia Sun Group, Asia Sun Trading Co Ltd, and Cargo Link Petroleum Logistics Co Ltd.

Australia keeps its sanctions settings towards Myanmar under regular review.