

Dear Dr Holland

On behalf of the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, I provide the following information in respect of the question taken on notice (underlined) and recorded at page 28 of the transcript:

Senator CROSSIN—Can you find out the answer to whether other sections of your department are dealing with it. Does that mean that if this weed is declared a high-risk weed that will have consequences for any future approvals that you might look at?

Answer:

The work on weeds done by the Environmental Biosecurity Section of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts focuses on the 20 Weeds of National Significance and the 28 species on the Alert List for Environmental Weeds. *Acacia mangium* is not currently declared noxious in any state or territory in Australia nor does it appear on either list.

Regards
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