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1. CHAIR—Thank you very much for your appearance this morning and for your evidence and submission. If you could take on notice that it would be helpful for the committee if you could send us some background material on the structure and form of Jubilee Australia.

ANSWER – Jubilee Australia refers members of the Committee to the website. In particular: <http://www.jubileeaustralia.org/about> and <http://www.jubileeaustralia.org/people.html>

Should members of the Committee require answers to more specific questions, we would ask that such questions be directed to Jubilee Australia:

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2. Ms PARKE—You have drawn attention to a recent bill presented to the Canadian parliament whereby Canadian mining, oil and gas corporations operating in developing countries which receive support from the Canadian government were to be held accountable to international, environmental and human rights standards. You said that the bill was dismissed by an extremely close margin of votes. Do you know what that margin was?

Ms Penman—The margin was less than 20, I believe, but we would have to take that question on notice.

ANSWER – The Bill was put to vote in the final days of October 2010 and was lost by a narrow margin 6 votes (140 to 134).

Please see the following Press Release for more details:

The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA), “Bill C-300: Narrow Defeat despite Widespread Support for Mining Accountability and Human Rights”, Press Release, 28 October 2010, available at: <http://www.halifaxinitiative.org/content/cnca-press-release-bill-c-300>