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Question No: 432

Topic: Advice on Olympic Dam expansion to SEWPAC

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Senator Edwards asked:

With reference to Question on Notice 7 [budget estimates 2012-13, EPBC Act], what advice did FAHCSIA provide SEWPAC on the Olympic Dam expansion? Please provide the advice given to SEWPAC.

Answer:

FaHCSIA was a member of the 2008 Olympic Dam Expansion Inter-Departmental Committee with SEWPAC (then DEWHA) and other Commonwealth agencies. FaHCSIA provided oral advice in this forum.

Advice provided by FaHCSIA to SEWPAC related to its policy interest in ensuring long term sustainable benefits for Indigenous communities from native title agreement proceeds and consideration of broader economic benefits and the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing as relevant to Indigenous employment.

The information provided by FaHCSIA was part of an internal government information gathering process in order to produce a publicly released document available at http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=current_referral_detail&proposal_id=2270.