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Senator Ludlam asked:

Senator Birmingham: What the rehabilitation plan costs is something that is assessed. It is assessed not by the OSS but by an independent audit. That is then assessed against the bond, as Mr McAllister has said.

Mr McAllister: That is correct.

Senator Birmingham: We do not assess ERA's corporate finances.

Senator LUDLAM: And I think, Senator Birmingham, one of the things that I thought I had asked you to take on notice, which was not your understanding, was who the third-party auditor was. Can I make sure that that goes into the post box.

Senator Birmingham: Certainly. We can do that, and we will do that—I do not want to push you from committee to committee, although, again, that may be a contract that is issued by the Department of Industry and Science.

Answer:

The Department of Industry and Science has advised that SRK Consulting Australasia Pty Ltd has been appointed as the independent assessor for Energy Resources of Australia's Ranger Annual Amended Plan of Rehabilitation.