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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Dr Dripps:** I am just trying to think. I will have to check the details, but Dr Reichelt and I, as part of another trip to Europe, did undertake a briefing of Deutsche Bank and also, on one of the trips to Paris to engage with the World Heritage Committee, I did have a briefing with Societe Generale in Paris. **Senator WATERS:** Was that before or after those institutions said they would not be financing the Abbot Point expansion? **Dr Dripps:** I would have to check the detail on that; I do not recall. **Senator WATERS:** Thank you. I am very interested in that.

**Answer:**

Departmental officials met with representatives of Société Générale (9 December 2014) and Deutsche Bank (10 December 2014). Both meetings were after the institutions announced their intent to not engage in financing the Abbot Point redevelopment.