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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Senator WATERS:** Thank you. Just one final point: do you recall if any of the officers have ever asked any of the Big Four banks not to make any public statements about whether they would finance the Galilee mines or the Abbot Point coal port expansion? **Dr de Brouwer:** I am not aware of that at all. **Senator WATERS:** Not aware or cannot recall? **Dr de Brouwer:** I am not aware. **Senator WATERS:** Could you check on that too. **CHAIR:** What is the difference between 'cannot recall' and 'not aware'? **Senator WATERS:** Either he— **Dr de Brouwer:** I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

Departmental officers have not asked any of the Big Four Australian banks not to make any public statements about whether they would finance the Galilee mines or the Abbot Point coal point expansion.