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Senator Madigan asked:

On Thursday, 18th February 2016 the front page of the Age newspaper carried a story about the possible closure of Portland smelter. Given that Portland smelter uses some 1000 megawatts of electricity, or about half the generation output of Loy Yang A power station, did the Age story cause the Federal Department of the Environment to contact the Victorian State government about smelter closure implications for power generation and the economic impact in the Latrobe Valley?

Answer:

The Department has not contacted the Victorian Government about the possible closure of the Portland aluminium smelter.