Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Hearing: Additional Estimates

Outcome: Outcome 4

Programme: Science

Topic: National Assessment - Lead Agency

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Question Type: Written

Senator Waters asked:

1. Who is the lead agency for the National Assessment? Is it still NICNAS?

2. Is the final report sitting with the DoE?

3. If so, when did you receive it from NICNAS?

Answer:

- 1. The Department of the Environment commissioned and funded the study, and has overall project management responsibility. The Department, National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) and CSIRO have collaborated to deliver the assessment.
- 2. No. When finalised, the assessment will comprise a set of over 15 individual reports. All of the reports that make up the assessment will be released when the assessment is finalised.
- 3. See answer to question 2.