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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator McKim asked:

Senator McKIM: ... Are you able to inform the committee of exactly on what date Minister Hunt asked Minister Keenan to activate the EMA provisions, which was contained in Minister Hunt's letter to me? He just said 'earlier that week' in the letter that I—

Mr Oxley: Yes, and I am not in a position to be able to indicate what that date was.

Senator McKIM: Would you take it on notice?

Mr Oxley: Yes.

Answer:

The Department is not aware of the date of Minister Hunt's conversation with Minister Keenan.

The Department understands that when Minister Hunt spoke to Minister Keenan, he sought assurances that appropriate arrangements were in place for Emergency Management Australia to support Tasmania and that those assurances were given.