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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Siewert asked:

In relation to the Gascoyne and Carnarvon Habitat Protection Zones:

- a) What was the activity in each of the Gascoyne and Carnarvon habitat protected zones?
- b) What were the dates of that activity?
- c) Which companies/projects were associated with that activity?
- d) Is it correct that under the 2012 plans, Habitat Protection Zones precluded mining activity in both of those reserves?

Answer:

- a) The special prospecting authority was granted by the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator over a large area off the west coast of Western Australia to undertake a 2D marine seismic survey in the area. The special prospecting authority covered areas of the Gascoyne and Carnarvon habitat protected zones.
- b) The survey was planned to commence in late August 2015 and was completed on 31 October 2015.
- c) Spectrum Geo Pty Ltd.
- d) Yes.