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Senator Ludlam asked:

Senator LUDLAM: What do you think are the best channels for the public to find out the outcome of that investigation?

Dr de Brouwer: That would be a matter for taking up with the Northern Territory government, Senator.

Senator LUDLAM: It has been nearly 2½ years since the incident. This might be more appropriate through you, Senator Birmingham: have you taken any steps to ask the NT government to expedite the release of that investigation?

Senator Birmingham: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The release of the Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy investigation report into the 2013 Ranger mine leach tank incident is a matter for the Northern Territory government. The Australian Government has not requested the Northern Territory government to publicly release the report. The Northern Territory government has now made a public statement on 12 February 2016 on the outcome of its investigation into the failure of the leach tank at Ranger mine.