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**Senator Cameron asked:**

**Senator CAMERON:** Can you take on notice whether you have had any discussions with the World Heritage Committee or the IUCN in relation to this EIS?

**Mr Tregurtha:** Certainly.

**Answer:**

The Department provides information to the World Heritage Centre about projects determined to be Controlled Actions under the *EPBC Act* where an action may have the potential for a significant impact on world heritage values. This is done as part of standard reporting procedures instituted by Australia.

The Department of the Environment has provided the World Heritage Centre with information outlining the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessment process.