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**Senator Di Natale asked:**

Senator DI NATALE: So, the morning after, what are you told about how much load has been shed?

Ms Sewell: I am not sure whether we have got the exact record of the telephone conversation.

Ms Bennett: The National Electricity Market Emergency Management Forum met the day after the South Australian issue. It was actually largely set up to discuss the forthcoming heatwave, so it involved the range of jurisdictions. There was some brief discussion about the South Australian outage the night before, but I would need to check the record of exactly whether or not the amount of 100 versus the 300 was discussed. I cannot recall that level of detail being discussed.

Senator DI NATALE: Clearly, I will get that on notice.

**Answer:**

A National Electricity Market Emergency Management Forum (NEMEMF) teleconference was held at 1000 (AEDT) on Thursday, 9 February 2017 to discuss the forecasted weather outlook for eastern Australia over the next two days. The Department is represented on the NEMEMF by the Energy Security Office.

The South Australian power outage on 8 February 2017 was discussed briefly at the beginning of the teleconference. The minutes of the meeting, prepared by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), note that the local network operator, Electranet had load shed 200 MW on 8 February.

On 15 February AEMO released the system event report which confirmed that actual load shedding by Electranet was approximately 300 MW (p.5).