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Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Senator WATERS:** I think that is fairly clear. You listed the agencies and that was good. Can I ask when you first became aware of that land clearing and who it was that alerted you to it?

**Mr Gaddes:** I will give you an answer, but I may need to come back on notice if I do not have it correct. I think it was the Australian Conservation Foundation that alerted us to this one in March. If we have not got that correct I will come back to you on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department was first alerted to the clearing on Olive Vale Station on 6 March 2015 by the Wilderness Society rather than the Australian Conservation Foundation.