

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Hearing: Budget Estimates

Outcome: Outcome 1.5

Programme: Environment Assessments and Compliance Division (EACD)

Topic: Victorian Western Highway Duplication – Stage 3

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Question Type: Written

Senator Waters asked:

In relation to EPBC 2010/5744 (Stage 3 of the duplication)

1. Has the Department completed any assessment of the availability of offsets for the impacted ecological communities?
2. When were those assessments done?
3. Has the Department visited the offset sites (if any) proposed by the proponent? Please detail which sites were visited, and when.

Answer:

1. No, the sourcing of offsets is the responsibility of the person proposing the action.
2. Not applicable, see question 1.
3. As at 19 June 2015, information regarding proposed offsets has not been provided to the Department.