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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: Has the minister issued any evidentiary certificates under the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Export and Imports) Act 1989?

Mr McNee: Mr Edwards is probably best placed to answer that question.

Senator SINGH: And if so, obviously I would like some details regarding how many and what kind of materials.

Mr Edwards: I do not have information about evidentiary certificates but we do issue decision statements when we make different decisions. I would have to take both of those things on notice if you are interested in numbers or if there are any other parameters that you wanted to give to us.

Answer:

Yes. Three evidentiary certificates have been issued under the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Export and Imports) Act 1989* stating that a specified substance or object is, or is not, in specified circumstances a hazardous waste.

In summary, the evidentiary certificates issued state that:

- Electronic equipment that is exported for purposes relating to honouring warranty obligations or product recalls issued by the original equipment manufacturer, is not hazardous waste for the purposes of the Act provided that specified conditions are met.
- Zinc ash arising from hot dip galvanising or other zinc coating processes is a hazardous waste for the purposes of the Act.
- Zinc scrap in metallic, non-dispersible form is not a hazardous waste.