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Senator Waters asked:

Mr Knudson: I assume you are talking about the system that we have developed for assessing risk associated with compliance matters. We are in the process of taking a look at how do we use, again as guidance, our analytical tools to better indicate what sort of level of effort we need to put behind various assessments. Because that work is not finished that is not in the public domain at this point. That being said, Mr Gaddes can talk a little bit about some of the work that CSIRO have done in this space. They have done a research paper on this system, and that is in the public domain.

Senator WATERS: In the interests of time and everybody's patience, I am interested in that, but if you could give me that on notice, I will read it when it comes through. Before we leave this area, if you have gone down that pathway of not attaching additional conditions, as the policy recommends but does not oblige, what level of involvement does the Commonwealth then have in the enforcement of those conditions? I would think none; is that correct?

Answer:

CSIRO's report titled "Developing a risk-based approach to environmental compliance and monitoring" can be found on the CSIRO website at the following web address <https://publications.csiro.au/rpr/download?pid=csiro:EP144358&dsid=DS3>. I note that the additional questions relating to how the Commonwealth will enforce the outcomes of the conditions policy was answered by Mr Knudson and Mr Gaddes at the Budget Estimates hearings on 26 May 2015.