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Senator Siewert asked:

Dr Banks: Around the time that the exemption was issued in October, in relation to an incident in Esperance, we had subsequent discussions with Western Australian government officials after that. I do not have the precise dates in front of me.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice and provide me with the dates of those discussions?

Dr Banks: Sure.

Answer:

The Western Australian Government provided a draft of the serious threat policy to the Department on 15 December 2014. There were a number of discussions on the draft policy during November and December.