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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: Was this issue discussed with Snowy Hydro—the absence of inclusion of the transmission cost?

Mr Heferen: At what stage?

Senator WATERS: At any stage.

Mr Heferen: We have had recent discussions with Snowy Hydro and TransGrid, who would be the ones doing the transmission, about processes and what might need to be done. That is relatively recent.

Senator WATERS: Can you be a bit more precise when you say 'relatively recent'?

Mr Heferen: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department was aware that the feasibility study for Snowy 2.0 did not intend to cover transmission upgrades. This is a separate project to be led by TransGrid.

The recent discussions with Snowy Hydro and TransGrid referred to by Mr Heferen were held on Tuesday 9 May 2017.