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Senator Carr asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, I have seen that too, but I am just wanting to know: were you shown any of the earlier proposals? Has ARENA seen any paperwork that went to the question of the earlier feasibility studies—project plans, any engineering works?

Mr Kay: Not engineering works but high-level drawings of what plans—

Senator KIM CARR: High-level drawings?

Mr Kay: Yes, drawings and a description of what the—

Senator KIM CARR: What date were they?

Mr Kay: From memory, I do not believe they were dated.

Mr Frischknecht: You mean in terms of whether they were sixties era or fifties era?

Senator KIM CARR: When were they created? I would like to know when they were created.

Mr Kay: I think that would be a better question—

Senator KIM CARR: Would you like to take that on notice, please?

Mr Kay: Yes.

Answer:

ARENA met with Snowy Hydro representatives on 24 February 2017 and 2 March 2017. At these two meetings, Snowy Hydro presented to ARENA various drawings and figures related to expansion opportunities that have been developed over time with regards to the Snowy Hydro Scheme. It was requested that ARENA not retain a copy of these documents.

It was explained to ARENA that various expansion plans have been developed for various parts of the Scheme since the original design of the Scheme. At various points in time select expansion opportunities have been updated and refreshed.