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**Senator Ludlam asked:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** We have run slightly over time, so I might just put this last question on notice. You mentioned a range of contingencies. Could you provide to us, on notice, what the total amount of money is that has been set aside for rehabilitation to date and how that is comprised—you said some cash and some guarantees. Could we get a break-up of that, on notice, please?

**Mr Tayler:** I cannot promise that. That information is with the Department of Industry, and any release of that information would be contingent upon agreement from the Department of Industry—so that is not my information to provide. I will certainly raise that question with them on your behalf, but if they are unwilling to release the information there is not much that I can do.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Understood, and that is something that I can do as well. But if you undertake through your channels and I undertake through mine.

**Mr Tayler:** Absolutely.

**Senator LUDLAM:** I want to know the aggregated amount and what it is composed of—cash and guarantees. Also, you mentioned contingencies. What is the range of the contingencies? What is the theoretical maximum and minimum that could be spent, depending on the final scope of work?

**Answer:**

The Department of Industry advised that the Ranger uranium mine security is assessed annually and is held as a combination of cash and financial guarantees. The Department of Industry is unable to provide details of the Ranger uranium mine security amount.