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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Senator WATERS:** Hi, folks. Sticking with the register of environmental organisations, is the department undertaking a whole or a part review of the organisations listed on the REO?

**Ms Jensen:** I guess we are always considering the list. As far as I am aware, we are not taking a specific review at this stage.

**Senator WATERS:** So you have not been asked to do so?

**Ms Jensen:** I would need to take that on notice to be sure, but I am not aware that we have.

**Senator WATERS:** Thanks for taking that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department has not been requested to undertake a whole or a part review of the organisations listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations.

As part of our overall risk management approach, we take into account a range of intelligence and information from various sources, including representations from the public about their concerns. This is added to information we gather ourselves or obtain from other agencies. As the result of our intelligence gathering processes, we take appropriate compliance action, which varies based on the circumstances and can include remedial actions to comply with the law or, in the more serious cases, removal from the Register.