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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Programme: Director of National Parks
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Senator Peris asked:

1. How would you describe ERA's fire management practices?
2. Given that ERA has engaged in poor fire management practices, what concerns do you have that ERA has the capacity to meet its obligations to rehabilitate the Ranger Uranium Mine once it ceases operations?

Answer:

1. Parks Australia has no statutory role in the management of fire within the ERA Ranger Project Area. ERA is the most appropriate source of information about their fire management practices.
2. The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that Energy Resources of Australia Ltd fully meets its obligations to rehabilitate the Ranger Project Area to the required standard to enable closure by 2026 consistent with current approvals.