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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: I have a number of questions and I have in front of me the statement of reasons to which you are referring, so that is good. Was the information about this Zambian incident before the department or the minister when the Carmichael Mine was approved?

Mr Knudson: No.

Senator WATERS: Did you ask Adani for this information?

Mr Knudson: We asked for the environmental history of the executive officers in both Adani Mining Ltd and also its three parent companies, covering 10 years.

Senator WATERS: Why was this information not provided then?

Mr Knudson: That is what we are seeking clarification from Adani on.

Senator WATERS: You said you have sought clarification. Do you have a copy of that letter that you could table that outlines the parameters of your request?

Mr Knudson: I do not have that with me.

Senator WATERS: Could you please provide that to us at your earliest convenience.

Senator Sinodinos: Do you need to get the permission of the company to table the letter?

Mr Thompson: I think we would need to take it on advice.

Answer:

A copy of a letter dated 6 November 2015 to Adani Mining is attached.