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Senator Waters, Larissa asked:

Senator WATERS: Is there any light that you can shed on that tonight—noting that you will get me more detail on notice?

Mr Wyndham: There is a statement of reasons for the decision that has been published, and it deals with a range of things—

Senator WATERS: It goes to offsets as well, does it?

Mr Wyndham: including offsets. Obviously the decision-maker looked at that as part of making that approval.

Senator WATERS: Did that consideration include the remaining amount of banksia woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain?

Mr Wyndham: Again, I would refer you to the statement of reasons on this decision.

Senator WATERS: Okay. I am assuming that they are not terribly full, because I know the person who is looking at this is very across that sort of detail. Is there any additional information you can provide to me about offsets this evening, or on notice, that goes beyond the statement of reasons?

Mr Wyndham: I will take that on notice

Answer:

The Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community was listed as an endangered ecological community on 16 September 2016, and was not a protected matter under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act at the time that the Roe Highway proposal was approved in 2015.

The Statement of Reasons details the information on offsets considered in making the decision to approve the Roe Highway proposal.