

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Has approval been given to NSW's expansion of its the 'smart' drumline program under EPBC Act?

Answer:

The Department of the Environment and Energy's 19 October 2016 reply to a 6 October 2016 letter from NSW, confirmed that there was no need to refer the expanded SMART drum line program under the EPBC Act at this stage, as it was not likely to be having a significant impact on nationally protected matters. Copies of these letters were tabled at Supplementary Budget Estimates on 21 October 2016.