Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment and Energy portfolio**

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Program: Wildlife Heritage and Marine Division (WHM)

Topic: Parramatta Female Factory Precinct in the National Heritage List -

Delays

Hansard Page: n/a

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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

This change appeared on the Department's website just 6 weeks prior to the NSW Planning Minister's announced he would approve the UGNSW residential development adjacent to the site. Has the department ever had discussions with the NSW government about this? Is the Time coincidental given the extraordinary delay that has happened previous to this?

Answer:

The statutory timeframe for the completion of the National Heritage Assessment has not changed since the place was included in the Finalised Priority Assessment List in 2015. However, consistent with the then Minister's press release of 31 July 2015, the Australian Heritage Council is expected to complete the assessment in 2017.