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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Rum Jungle rehab - terms of reference for the preparation of the EIS

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QUESTION No.: AI-51

Senator LUDLAM: I have a couple of questions to put on notice on a couple of other subjects. I do recognise the lateness of the hour. Rum Jungle rehab—that is going to be assessed under the EPBC Act as a controlled action. Is that within your domain?

Mr B Wilson: The EPBC Act is under the department of the environment.

Senator LUDLAM: I get that, but I am wondering whether your department will play any role at all in developing the terms of reference for the preparation of the EIS. If that is complex, I am happy for you to take it on notice. Is that right?

ANSWER

The terms of reference for the environmental impact statement for the rehabilitation of the former Rum Jungle Mine site, Northern Territory (NT), are prepared by the NT Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE).

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science did not contribute to the preparation of the draft terms of reference exhibited by the NT EPA, between 18 February and 3 March 2017, nor did the department make a submission during the public consultation period.

The draft terms of reference will be finalised by the NT EPA and DoEE.