

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Uranium mine proposals

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 2 March 2017, page 124)

**QUESTION No.:** AI-52

Senator LUDLAM: Whatever you can provide to me on notice would be good. Finally, over the last month or so I have written to federal environment Minister Frydenberg a couple of times on three separate uranium mine proposals currently under federal environmental assessment—again, a separate department. Have any of these letters been referred to your department or your minister, and has the department provided any advice on these or related issues? They related to seismic activity at Mulga Rock in the Goldfields region; acid and metalliferous drainage and seismic activity of surface water risks at Wiluna, or Cameco's track record with regard to the proposed Yeelirrie uranium mine. Is any of this ringing a bell?

Mr Wilson: We are not aware of any, but we will take that on notice.

Senator LUDLAM: Very much appreciated. Thanks your patience.

**ANSWER**

Senator Ludlam's correspondences to the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, concerning the three Western Australian uranium projects, have not been referred to me as the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, or the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. The department has not provided advice on issues raised in those letters.