

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

**TOPIC:** Compulsory acquisition

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 2 March 2017, page 138)

**QUESTION No.:** AI-63

Senator KETTER: Minister, are you aware of any other options other than the land that was previously earmarked for compulsory acquisition?

Senator Canavan: Yes, I am. I mentioned trips particularly to the Charters Towers region—there was a group of landholders that were putting forward an option I believe west of Pentland, a town west of Charters Towers. It was a property apparently on sale—I cannot attest to it myself—but that was something that was put forward to the defence department and they had agreed to have a look at that. Again, you will have to check with them on the latest status but the last time I checked they were still looking at that option. To answer your question fully, there was a range of other options put by different people around the country, and I often did talk to Defence about the relative merits of those or otherwise. They would obviously put forward their proposals based on their assessments.

Senator KETTER: Is this the property which I understand is known as Longton?

Senator Canavan: I could not tell you. I would have to take that on notice. It is a matter for the defence department.

**ANSWER**

This question should be directed to the Department of Defence.