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Question: SBT 29

Topic: Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

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Senator: Waters, Larissa

Question:

SBT 29 - Senator WATERS: I understand that you have had responsibility transferred now to that different department, and I will be asking them about it tomorrow as well, but I am interested in the work that you and your section did on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility while you had responsibility for it. Firstly, what was the policy rationale for the transfer of responsibility from your department to the new one?

Ms J Wilkinson: That is a matter for government—

Senator Ryan: We will have to take that on notice, Senator Waters. I cannot speak to that.

Answer:

SBT 29 - The transfer of responsibility for the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science was a decision of the Government reflected in the ministerial arrangements announced in the Prime Minister's media release of 20 September 2015.