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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Meetings between NAIF and Adani

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QUESTION No.: SI-35

Senator WATERS: Moving now to specific potential proponents—it may or may not be one of the 13—has anyone under the purview of NAIF, whether it is EFIC or yourselves or people that you have mentioned as working on NAIF, met with any representatives of any of the Adani group of companies, or Mr Adani himself?

Mr Coffey: Yes, I understand that there have been some meetings between NAIF and Adani.

Senator WATERS: Could you give me some more detail on those, please?

Mr Coffey: I do not have those details with me. We could take that on notice.

Senator WATERS: Is there anything more you can tell me tonight?

Mr Coffey: No, because it has been between NAIF and the company.

Senator WATERS: Do you know which Adani company that has been with?

Mr Coffey: No, I do not.

Senator WATERS: Sorry, you are here representing NAIF, and you said the meetings have been between NAIF, but not, evidently, you—

Senator Canavan: Not quite, if I could explain. Mr Coffey heads up the Office of Northern Australia

Senator WATERS: Sorry, I misconstrued.

Senator Canavan: He has an oversight role of a number of northern Australian initiatives based in Darwin. Normally, I am sure, we will have here a representative from NAIF directly, once the permanent CEO is on board.

ANSWER

I can confirm that discussions have occurred between Adani Australia representatives and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility in respect of their rail project in the North Galilee Basin. These discussions are commercial-in-confidence and we are unable to provide any further information.