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Senator: Ludlam

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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Certainly. Can you be really clear for me: is affordable housing one of the priorities that you will be taking into account? Can I look for any outcome there at all?

Dr Verney: No. It is a criteria that we would address in looking at these.

Senator LUDLAM: And whose advice would you take in adding that to the mix when you are working out what is a priority place to sell and to whom?

Dr Verney: Well, we have in-house expertise in relation to this. We consult other departments and agencies in the Commonwealth.

Senator LUDLAM: The government has sacked most of your in-house agencies.

Mr Owens: And state governments.

Dr Verney: And state government to form a view on that particular matter.

Senator LUDLAM: Take this on notice

Answer:

The Treasury has responsibility for housing supply policy and is consulted in the process of planning the disposals. The property assessments undertaken as part of the due diligence process identify the feasibility of achieving housing outcomes from the disposal.