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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: Sure; I live in northern Australia. I know that. But the question is, why we did end up with this as the policy response to that problem? And where did that idea come from?

Dr Gruen: We will take it on notice.

Answer:

Final decisions on the measures in the White Paper were a matter for Government.