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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: I ask the questions, Minister, thank you. Mr McDonald, can you list the submissions or any other representations that discussed difficulties in attracting finance for Northern Australian development projects?

Mr McDonald: We can take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The public submissions made in response to the Green Paper on Developing Northern Australia are available at [www.northernaustralia.dpmc.gov.au/public-submissions](http://www.northernaustralia.dpmc.gov.au/public-submissions). These submissions and those to the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia (available at [www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Northern\\_Australia/Inquiry\\_into\\_the\\_Development\\_of\\_Northern\\_Australia/Submissions](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Northern_Australia/Inquiry_into_the_Development_of_Northern_Australia/Submissions)) informed the development of the White Paper, as did as evidence provided at hearings of the Joint Select Committee and the more than 170 meetings held by the Northern Australia Taskforce with stakeholders.

A number of submissions identified difficulties attracting finance, including (but not limited to) those from the Shire of Derby West Kimberley; Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School, ANU; Northern Territory Government; the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland; Yawuru; Carpentaria Shire; and Consolidated Pastoral Company.