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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: This is a report from the Cairns Chamber of Commerce. I cannot find funding for the Hann Highway in the budget, so I am trying to ascertain whether or not the Prime Minister has been accurately reported.

Dr Gruen: We will have to take that on notice. We are not in a position to pass commentary on statements that have been made about what the Prime Minister said.

**Answer:**

The White Paper on Developing Northern Australia announced \$700 million (including \$100 million for cattle roads) for priority road projects in northern Australia. The Hann Highway was identified in the White Paper as a project to be considered under the package.