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Senator: Lines

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Question:

Senator LINES: I have subsequently had a look at the quarantine provisions—and, again, we did send you the letter that we sent to Chevron most recently. ...

Presumably that would be in the correspondence you have had between Chevron and the AEC, where presumably Chevron said you cannot meet their quarantine standards. Is this something you can table today?

Mr Rogers: I will not be able to table it today but I am happy to take it on notice. We have got that correspondence.

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Senator LINES: I accept that. I really do want you to focus on Barrow Island because there are other senators here that have no doubt got questions to you. I have accepted at face value your letter to me where you said Chevron have said you cannot meet quarantine restrictions. As you just heard from Senator McAllister, was that written advice? How was that advice conveyed to you?

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Senator LINES: How do we get to the bottom of this? How do we get the answers to these questions?

Mr Rogers: I have already said that I will take this on notice and give you an update on where we are with our negotiations with that and that is as much as I can do today.

Senator LINES: Does that mean you have got ongoing negotiations with Chevron about an on-site polling place?

Mr Rogers: No, I will find out where we are with the current state of play and provide you an update on that.

Answer:

Please refer to the document tabled by the Australian Electoral Commission for the Budget Estimates hearings on 5 May 2016.