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Senator: Senator Nova Peris OAM

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Question:

Senator PERIS: I just wanted to see if you had been advised by Minister Hunt. There was an article, recently, in The Guardian. Dr Bill Freeland, from Northern Territory EPA, as you know, said:

The NT EPA considers that Port Melville can be managed in a manner that avoids significant environmental impacts ...

I do not know if you have been there, recently, but the Tiwi people have all their Tiwi chips ready to go. Have you been advised whether that approval has been ticked off by Minister Hunt, whether the Tiwis are right to go, in terms of using the port facilities?

Ms Edwards: None of the officials who are responsible for any of those issues are still here, I am afraid.

Senator Scullion: I will find out and get back to you as soon as I can.

Answer:

Environmental approvals are a matter for the Minister for Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP.