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Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE: Have you set up an interdepartmental committee to progress this boundary adjustment? Does it involve the department of foreign affairs? Have you had any meetings? How many meetings have taken place?

Ms Rankin: We have not formally set up an interdepartmental committee meeting, but we have certainly had discussions to advise the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, about what the government's decision was in our discussions and proposals that went to the World Heritage Centre.

Senator MILNE: How many of those meetings have you had?

Ms Rankin: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

One meeting was held with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and one meeting was held with the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was advised that the boundary adjustment was being prepared.