

## **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

### **Inquiry into the Impact of Defence Training Activities and Facilities on Rural and Regional Communities – 12 July 2017**

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

##### **Department of Defence**

**Topic:** Environmental Processes

**Question reference number:** 5

**Senator:** Moore

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#### **Question:**

**Senator MOORE:** And the environmental processes—we look up the environmental advisory committee, but this is separate to that?

**Cdre Norris:** It is separate to that.

**Senator MOORE:** And what is the format?

**Cdre Norris:** We put out a public environment report on 27 February that went for consultation. It was up on the website and it was available locally. We got a number of responses. So it was not just here in Queensland. We put it out for the activity that we conducted in the Northern Territory as well. We then updated it in accordance with the act to do a self-assessment of all of the mechanisms that we put in place. So we then went through and looked at the environment from our perspective and included an environment management group, which we established to report on the implementation and effectiveness of environmental controls.

**Senator MOORE:** So that is the same one that Brigadier Bayliss was talking about? Or is it a different one?

**Cdre Norris:** I am fairly certain it is different but I would have to take that on notice and get back to you.

#### **Answer:**

This question was answered during the hearing by Ms Blain (pages 58-59 of the transcript refer).