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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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QUESTION No.: 1

ACTING CHAIR: There is this question as to whether or not anything the department could do could fit within existing programs. I understand that dynamic; that's one opportunity. The other area is that the department is looking at the general impacts on industry of the closing of that testing site; is that correct?

Ms Looney: Correct.

ACTING CHAIR: Is it possible for you to take on notice what steps the department has taken to look at the impact on industry, and what preliminary findings, if any, the department has made with respect to the impact on industry, so this committee can better understand that impact?

Ms Looney: Yes, I can take that on notice.

ANSWER

The department has considered representations received from proponents and users of the Lane Cove Testing Station regarding the potential impact of its closure on industry.

We have also held discussions with the New South Wales Government and internally with the National Measurement Institute to better understand the functionality of the facility and alternate testing options.

This work is ongoing.