

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-090

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BILL - REGULATION

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Senator Ludlam asked:

There is serious dispute over tenure that you are no doubt aware of already that is in the Federal Court at the moment. The Government is moving ahead to pass legislation anyway. I am not aware how you will apply your process when the actual ownership of the land is yet to be determined. Will you be forced to wait until that question has been?

Answer:

ARPANSA's reporting under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act* referral process and the licensing of any proposed waste facility on the nominated site under the *ARPANS Act* and *Regulations* will not be affected by the outcome of the Federal Court proceedings and decisions made on the legal title of the land.