

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 9

Topic: EPBC Act

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Senator Waters asked:

Has the Environment Minister or SEWPAC ever requested in writing input from FaHCSIA on major projects that have social, economic and community impacts?

Answer:

Yes.

In addition to advice requested relating to assessments under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act as outlined in the response to Question No 7 (EB12-000007), SEWPAC, on behalf of the Environment Minister, invites FaHCSIA in writing to comment on all referrals under the EPBC Act. FaHCSIA regularly refers invitations to comment to the relevant Native Title Representative Body for their information and/or comment in relation to native title implications.