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Senator McKim asked:

Senator McKIM: ... When did the department first become aware of the fires, and when did you first inform your minister of the fires?

Mr Oxley: I would have to take on notice when we first informed the minister of the fires, but I think we would have become aware of the fires very soon after they started, through the media reporting.

Senator McKIM: Through media reporting?

Mr Oxley: Yes.

Answer:

The Department of the Environment first became aware of the fires on 18 January 2016.

The Department first discussed the fires with the Minister's Office on 25 January 2016.