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Senator Cameron asked:

Senator CAMERON: Is it the International Union for Conservation of Nature that determines World Heritage listing? Somebody must know; you are the environment department.

Dr de Brouwer: The World Heritage Committee determines those things.

Senator CAMERON: So what is the role of the IUCN?

Dr de Brouwer: It is an adviser to the World Heritage Committee.

Senator CAMERON: Are you aware that they raised concerns about overflights in the Blue Mountains area?

Mr Tregurtha: I am aware that they have raised concerns. As to how that was considered in terms of improving the draft EIS, again I do not have that specific information.

Senator CAMERON: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Tregurtha: Certainly.

Answer:

IUCN has not raised concerns with the Australian Government regarding the current Western Sydney (Badgerys Creek) Airport project, which was referred to the Department of the Environment in December 2014.