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Senator O'Sullivan asked:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: That will no doubt be reflected in the file notes that you have taken. Did you make file notes during the discussions about the matters of these permits?

Mr Gaddes: I am not sure if there were file notes. I had officials follow up for me at a later date to ask for the information. We followed up in correspondence requesting the information that was discussed.

Senator CANAVAN: Mr Gaddes, you mentioned that you met with the Queensland government in or around June. Why did it take you six months to write this letter?

Mr Gaddes: We engaged with the Queensland government a number of times to get all of the information from the Queensland government—

Senator CANAVAN: Six months.

Mr Gaddes: It took a little while to get all of the information that we could get.

Senator CANAVAN: Was this information in writing?

Mr Gaddes: I believe—and I would have to take it on notice—that it came in the format of a CD and it took them a while to compile the relevant information for us.

Answer:

Yes, the information was received in writing. It was received over the course of a number of emails, and in part, on a compact disc that was posted in the mail.