

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Reynolds asked:**

What role did the State or Conservation Groups play in referring or recommending investigation of Mr Spies, or his clients applications/approvals to the EPBC compliance unit?

**Answer:**

In this case, the Department does not consider it appropriate to provide the information, as that would involve disclosure of sensitive information.