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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: If I could just go back to the project that you were talking about Mr Kay at Tarraleah. What was the magnitude of funding that is necessary for that project, or is that part of the feasibility?

Mr Kay: This is an initial feasibility study. It is in the order of magnitude of \$1 million of which we are providing half.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: You do not have any idea of what the capital costs of the project might be? Has the Tasmanian government provided any—

Mr Kay: That is what we are expecting to come out of the feasibility study. I think Hydro Tasmania has order of magnitude estimates that it is looking to refine.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can you give us an idea of what they are?

Mr Kay: I would have to take that on notice. I will also flag that it may be commercial-in-confidence at this stage.

Answer:

On 31 March 2017 Hydro Tasmania indicated that the total cost of the Tarraleah redevelopment feasibility study would be around \$600k to \$800k.

Preliminary estimates as provided by Hydro Tasmania indicated that the total Tarraleah redevelopment project was likely to have a total capital cost of \$600 million. It is expected that this figure would be refined and revised as the feasibility activities were advanced.