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Senator Siewert asked:

Senator SIEWERT: In terms of public liability insurance, what is your understanding of the public liability insurance responsibility of the buffalo farm at this stage?

Ms Barnes: These are the issues I have been talking to Mr Lindner about.

Senator SIEWERT: I am not trying to put words in your mouth, but does that mean you do not have an understanding of where the public liability insurance responsibility stands at the moment?

Ms Barnes: As for Mr Lindner's public liability insurance, I need to talk to him about that and get confirmation about what that is.

Senator SIEWERT: Is it expected that he should have public liability insurance? Ms Barnes: I will need to talk to him and see if our liability would cover that area. Senator SIEWERT: Under what circumstances would your liability cover that area? Ms Barnes: I will have to take that on notice. I do not know the answer to that.

Answer:

The Director's public liability insurance would cover accidents occurring on roads and tracks to the farm maintained by the Director in circumstances where the Director's negligence caused the accident.