

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 137  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
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**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** The Australian Government ICT Sustainability Plan 2010-15 - AP & AFPA Media Releases  
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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

1. The department responded to a written question from Senator Carr that the Department had not received any representations about the desirability of retaining the ICT Sustainability Plan from industry or stakeholders...
2. Were you aware of recent comments from the company Australian Paper (AP) and the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) media release? Stating that:
  - “Our investment (referring to a \$90 million deinking and recycling plant at their Maryvale mill) was partly made on the government’s commitment to using 100 per cent recycled paper”... and...
  - “With one stroke of a pen the government has put that investment at risk...”  
(Referring to the decision to cease the ICT sustainability)

And the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) media release which stated:  
“Turnbull Government must reinstate recycled paper commitment”

**Answer:**

Departmental officials are aware of recent media releases.