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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: You said you changed the standard operating procedure. Is this the first time that has been applied?

Mr Knudson: No, it has been applied for several months now to a range of projects.

Senator WATERS: How many other coal mines have received this new changed standard condition?

Mr Knudson: I do not have the information on that but we could get back to you on that.

Senator WATERS: Thank you, because I have not noticed it before and I pay reasonably close attention, as I am sure you do too. You will take that on notice and you genuinely cannot give me any indication of—

Mr Knudson: No.

Senator WATERS: All right.

Answer:

The Department commenced use of the Revised Management Plan condition on 8 September 2015. The new condition has been applied to two coal mine projects.