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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Ms Callister:** We do not have specific figures on that but it is a new standard condition that is now being applied as a matter of course to all our new approvals. As Mr Knudson said, we do not believe that it is reducing the standards. One of the important requirements is that the companies report on when they make these changes and that allows us to review what those changes are and if we think they are sufficient and material enough for us to do further review, we can call those plans in for a more detailed review. That is an important safeguard.

**Senator WATERS:** Thank you. When did those new standard conditions come in?

**Ms Callister:** We think approximately three or four months ago. We can take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department commenced use of the Revised Management Plan condition on 8 September 2015.