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Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

What interactions has the government had with Finnish government with regard to sending intractable waste to Finland?

Answer:

The Australian Government advised the Finnish Government of the application by Orica to export the hexachlorobenzene wastes to Finland and also provided the Finnish Government with a duly reasoned request and supporting information, setting out why the wastes cannot be dealt with in Australia, as required by European law.