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Topic: Provision of information to the UNESCO monitoring mission

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or Written Question: (22/5/12)

Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: ... I want to move now to the UNESCO investigation... Did you provide a written briefing to UNESCO when they were on their monitoring mission?

Dr Reichelt: We certainly provided oral briefings.

Senator WATERS: Has that been released anywhere?

Dr Reichelt: I do not think it was recorded.

Senator WATERS: The notes of such? Are we able to request that you table a copy of any notes that were made of that meeting?

Dr Reichelt: The material is drawn from publicly available documents. I can check.

Senator WATERS: In that case, if you could table the notes, that would be great.

Dr Reichelt: I could table the reference to the documents, perhaps.

Answer:

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority did not provide a written briefing to the monitoring mission. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities coordinated the monitoring mission and provided the initial briefing.

Staff of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority provided a power point briefing to the monitoring mission in Townsville on 10 March 2011. This briefing covered:

- the role of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority;
- the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Property's Outstanding Universal Value;
- key risks, legacy issues, management challenges and partnerships; and
- path forward in relation to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority developing the Strategic Assessment.