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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE—So has HRL been back and asked for an extension?

Mr Stone—Yes. We are in discussion with HRL in terms of meeting the conditions precedent. Effectively, that means that the extension is in.

Senator MILNE—How many extensions have they had already?

Mr Stone—I would have to take that on notice.

Senator MILNE—I did particularly ask you to come prepared to answer these questions, so why can you not tell me? It is a pretty standard question. If there is a time frame in the precedent of the deed within which they have to actually do something and they have not done it and they have to get an extension then surely you can tell me. This fund is all closed and we should know now how many times they have applied for extensions and how many times they have been given one.

Mr Stone—It would be at least three and potentially four, but we would have to check that information for you.

Answer:

HRL has previously been granted three extensions, and there is currently an extension request under consideration by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.