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Mr Peel—I have been to a number of BECs over the years, yes.

Senator RONALDSON—Was there any signage confirming they were a BEC or that they receive federal government funding?

Mr Peel—The signage of course confirms that they are BECs. The question that I thought I was responding to was whether there was signage to say they had received federal government funding. I do not believe that is a contractual requirement.

Senator RONALDSON—I did ask you (a) whether they are a BEC and (b) whether they receive federal government funding. Is there any particular amount allocated for signage?

Mr Peel—I would have to check that. I am not aware of that.

Senator RONALDSON—Do you have responsibility for these contracts yourself or is there a departmental officer under you?

Mr Peel—There is a departmental officer under me.

ANSWER:

It is not a contractual requirement for a BEC to indicate through signage that they receive Federal Government funding. There is no funding allocation for signage.