

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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**Question:** BR-7

**Topic:** Parsons Brinckerhoff consultants report

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**Senator Ludlam asked:**

Senator LUDLAM—So let us just step this out. The original Parsons Brinckerhoff consultants report was provided to you; on what date was that provided?

Mr Davoren—I think it was provided in final form towards the end of last year.

Senator LUDLAM—Would you be able to provide us with the date for that?

Mr Davoren—I could.

Senator LUDLAM—On notice, if you would. Are you able to table that PB report for the committee?

Senator LUDLAM—When did you provide those three documents to the minister?

Mr Davoren—Earlier this year, Senator, pretty soon after we got them.

Senator LUDLAM—So some time maybe in mid-February. Would you again be able to provide dates for each of these processes?

Mr Davoren—I will take that on notice, Senator.

Senator LUDLAM—Thank you, I would appreciate that. Has your section conducted any consultation with a land council or any other parties on this matter or has your interaction strictly been with government?

**Answer:**

The draft Parsons Brinckerhoff report was provided to the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism on 28 July 2008. Following its peer review by CH2M Hill, the finalised Parsons Brinckerhoff report was provided to the Department on 18 March 2009.

The following reports were provided to the office of the Minister for Resources and Energy on 19 March 2009:

- Finalised Parsons Brinckerhoff report;
- CH2M Hill's peer review; and
- Parsons Brinckerhoff's response to CH2M Hill's peer review.

The Parsons Brinckerhoff report is currently being considered by the Minister. Its tabling is a matter for Government.

As the Government's approach has not been settled, The Department has not been in a position to conduct consultations with any external bodies on the report.