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TOPIC: Support for Tasmanian Paper Mills

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QUESTION No.: SI-45

Senator COLBECK—They will probably want to take it on notice. I have a question to the Secretary in relation to pulp and paper mills, particularly in Tassie. Is the government in receipt of any requests for assistance funding for the two mills in north-western Tasmania?

Mr Paterson—I will take that question on notice.

Senator COLBECK—My advice is that that is vital to their survival, so I am obviously quite interested in what the situation is.

Mr Paterson—We will take it on notice.

ANSWER

The Department does not comment on whether or not any company has approached the Government for assistance.