

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Senator Siewert asked:

Senator SIEWERT: I would like to follow up on the questions I was asking NOPSA about the implementation of the recommendations (Montara). I would like to ask how you are handling your process overall and then go to some of the specific recommendations that I think the department would be responsible for.

Mr Hoffman: You would be aware that the final government response included the implementation plan for the accepted recommendations. The department and the other agencies involved in that are working to that. The minister has made various public statements since that time about specific matters in that implementation plan that have been achieved, and I would imagine that he will continue to do so as the work is done. I think you asked a specific question about whether there would be a formal government statement as to the status of implementation of the recommendations that were accepted. That is a question that I would direct to the minister. I am not aware that such a decision has been made, but it is one that the minister may well consider.

Senator SIEWERT: Is that another one you could take on notice, Minister?

Senator Sherry: Yes.

Answer:

The *Final Government Response to the Montara Commission of Inquiry* contains an implementation plan which identifies the timeframes associated with implementation of the accepted recommendations. The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism and other relevant agencies are working to the timeframes identified in the implementation plan. There are no plans for a formal government statement at this time, the Minister for Resources and Energy will continue to provide updates on implementation of the accepted recommendations.