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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 32.

Question:

Senator Carr - "Sure. But what I found interesting in particular is why Mr Anderson, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, thought it was sufficiently important to put out a press release on it, in which he said:

The Coalition government initiated a working party, chaired by CSIRO's Dr Tom Hatton, to undertake a review of all the documentation related to the declining water level of the Latrobe Aquifer. The study identified the additional scientific research that is required to enable conclusions to be drawn.

The National Farmers Federation and Minister Anderson put out statements, Why didn't you?

Dr Garrett - I have indicated that I will happily take that question on notice and come back to you with the communication strategy. We may well have believed that the way we were contributing through other parties was the appropriate one in that case. My senior colleagues will happily provide that information."

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Latrobe Aquifer Study

See answer to E570_05.