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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEST Question No. E661_04

Senator Stott-Despoja asked on 17 November 2003

Question:

Given that urgent acquisitions are only legal if it can be proven that a delay would be against the public interest, on what grounds did the Government decide to urgently compulsorily acquire site 40a?

Answer:

Urgent Compulsory Acquisition of Site 40a

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, the Hon Peter Slipper MP, made the decision to acquire Site 40a using the provisions of the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989* and questions concerning the grounds for the decision should be directed to him.