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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

Mr Forbes—As part of the original program design we held consultations with industry, and that included consultations on occupational health and safety issues. Electrical issues were clearly identified very early on in the program and they were incorporated in training modules developed early on in the program.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—When you say they were identified early on in the program, were they identified just in the forums, workshops and consultations that you held or did you receive written advice highlighting these problems?

Mr Forbes—I am conscious that they certainly were raised with us in forums. Whether they were raised in writing in the early part of the program design I am not sure. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

General installer safety, occupational health and safety and electrical issues were discussed in a number of workshops and meetings held with industry. Written and/or electronic input was also received from the National electrical and Communications Association and the Electrical and Energy Utilities Industry Skills Council.