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Senator: MACDONALD

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Senator Sherry—I just want to clarify your question. Effectively, you are obviously wanting an electorate breakdown for the two electorates just as they relate to this department?

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes. Well, I really cannot ask for other departments.

Senator Sherry—Yes. That is right.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—But in this department, yes.

Senator Sherry—But by dealing with the second part of your question vis-a-vis other electorates, there would have to be an examination of other regional electorates to give the comparison, presumably.

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Well, my question really relates to how a government can make commitments to two particular electorates and not to other electorates. What is the policy rationale for that apart from power?

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Answer:

Both major parties made a number of commitments to a range of electorates during the election campaign.