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Asked By: Senator MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD: Are the review, the assessment and the assessment of existing projects done by the Australian Centre of Excellence public documents that could be made available to the committee?

Ms Fleming: Could I take that on notice?

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, sure.

Answer: The initial phase of the Northern Australia Local Government and Household Water Management project reviewed available data on household water use in northern Australia; assessed the role of local governments in the delivery of water services across northern Australia; and assessed existing water programs in remote, rural and Indigenous communities in northern Australia.

The Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government is coordinating the research, and has not yet provided its report to the Department.

When completed, ACELG's Phase One Report will be made publicly available after consideration by the Minister.