

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

Portfolio:	Business Precincts
Witness:	Minister Pakula
Committee Member:	Mr RIORDAN
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Question:

Mr RIORDAN: Well, that is why you cannot use the land—because of the contaminated cow carcasses. I am just saying, have we a got a costing on it?

Mr PAKULA: Well, that is your assertion, Mr Riordan. I am not conceding that as being the case.

Mr RIORDAN: Okay, right. And finally on that issue—and I guess the Secretary will know, seeing as you are a bit light on on info there, Minister—have there been any studies done into the cleaning up and rehabilitation of that land?

Mr PAKULA: I tell you what, Mr Riordan, what we will do is this: I am happy to take the specific issue of contamination by cow carcasses on notice and provide the committee with whatever information we can.

Answer:

- As the Site was previously used for laboratory research, animal feed lots, waste disposal and other purposes, issues of potential contamination have been long known, including in relation to the burial of animal carcasses.
- The Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) has undertaken environmental site assessments and remediation options analysis of the Site.