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Senator KROGER: I want to ask you about a matter in relation to East Timor. I understand that the East Timor government has initiated proceedings over the treaty on certain maritime arrangements in the Timor Sea—the 2006 agreement with Australia.

Mr Cox: Yes. That is correct. We received a notice from the Timorese on 23 April notifying us that they wanted to enter into an arbitration with Australia over the validity of the CMATS treaty.

Senator KROGER: Have we responded to that yet?

Mr Cox: No. At this stage, we are still considering our response.

Senator KROGER: So you cannot furnish us with any more information about that at the moment?

Mr Cox: No. At this stage, we are still considering our response, Senator.

Senator KROGER: I have a few other things, but I am happy, while I am pursuing my folder, to pass on for the moment, Chair.