Estimates Committee 2010 Questions Taken On Notice

(11/06/2010 to 18/06/2010)

Date: 17/06/2010 Output:

Sub Output:

Subject: Mimosa

From:Mr Peter Chandler to Mr Karl Hampton Natural Resources Environment and Heritage

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Question: Has any research been undertaken in regard to the viability of harvesting

mimosa for distilling the tannin?

Answer:

Answered On: 17/06/2010

Answer: In 1996, a company proposed the mechanical harvesting of mimosa in

Australia to extract vegetable tannins for the leather tanning and wood product industries. As a result of this concept, the company won an

AusIndustry Award for the nation's best new enterprise plan.

The industry has not developed.