

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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***Peer-reviewed publications***

**Question**

Senator O'NEILL: Okay, so the viewpoint papers are really opinion papers rather than research papers.

Ms Hart: They are based on the authors' or the researchers' expertise in a particular area.

Senator O'NEILL: But they are not peer-reviewed publications.

Ms Hart: I would not be able to answer that, because I do not know whether or not they were.

Senator O'NEILL: If you could take it on notice, that would be helpful. I go back to the book. Correct me if I

am wrong, but we have now clarified that this is a book that is compiled by Mr Lomborg

**Answer**

The project involved the production of research papers (or 'assessment papers'), which were peer reviewed, and viewpoint papers, which were not peer reviewed. The purpose of the viewpoint papers is stated on the Copenhagen Consensus Center website: "To make sure that we capture a diversity of ideas, the Post-2015 Consensus has also invited viewpoints from UN agencies, NGOs, and private sector foundations, to comment on the research findings and provide their own statements" (<http://www.copenhagenconsensus.com/post-2015-consensus/our-process>).