

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Topic: Release of advice on Frontier Economics proposal**

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**Question:**

**Senator ABETZ**—Possibly, rather than swallowing a lot of time, have we got an analysis [of the Frontier Economics report]? You say it is not greener—fine. But what do you base that assertion on? When you say it is not going to be cheaper, what do you base that assertion on? Has there been a detailed, written rebuttal provided in relation to the Frontier analysis? They have whacked all their information into the public domain. Is the department willing to put its response fully in the public domain so that there can be a debate about these things? You guys may well be right, but on closer analysis, who knows, Frontier might be right.

[...]

**Senator CORMANN**—Is there a specific piece of advice?

**Senator Wong**—Senator Cormann, I had not finished. I was going to suggest that Mr Comley could provide some high-level comments and perhaps we could take on notice the provision of documentation to the committee that might assist with Senator Abetz's request.

**Answer:**

The Government's assessment of the Frontier Economics proposal is summarised in the document, *Assessment of the Frontier Economics proposal to provide intensity based allocations to electricity generators*, tabled by Senator the Hon Nick Sherry on 16 November 2009.