

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS (SECOND REPORT)

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

CBA37QW:

Further to your answer regarding the bank's exposure to coal, can you please provide information regarding the amount of the bank's financing and exposure to coal, including coal mining and coal-powered energy, compared with renewable energy?

Answer:

At December 2016, Commonwealth Bank's lending exposure to renewable electricity generation was \$2.3 billion – this represents approximately five times our direct exposure to coal-related electricity generation.

Lending to black coal mining is a small component of our overall lending to the mining, oil and gas sector, and the value of this exposure has been decreasing over the past few years. Since June 2016, Commonwealth Bank's lending to mining, oil and gas has declined by more than \$1.0 billion to \$14.9 billion.