

**Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth**  
Inquiry into Australia's transition to a green energy superpower 2022-2023

**QUESTION ON NOTICE / Spoken**

**IQoN 001 – Inquiry into Australia's transition to a green energy superpower**

**Hearing Date:** 23 November 2022

**Topic:** Anti-slavery laws in relation to renewable energy products

**Senator Matthew Canavan**

**Question**

Senator CANAVAN: But even today I would imagine that there have got to be some laws in this country against products that use slave labour. We've passed laws through this place that are anti slavery. Are we using those laws to try to investigate the ethical standards involved in the production of renewable energy?

Ms Stylianou: There is an area in our department which is not represented here at this table that it is dealing with that.

Senator CANAVAN: Could you take that on notice then about what's happening there?

Mr Growder: Yes.

**Answer**

Australia is committed to strong action to address human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery, including the use of forced labour in supply chains.

The Attorney-General's Department is responsible for whole-of-government domestic policy and legislation on modern slavery, including the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* and modern slavery offences set out in the Commonwealth Criminal Code.