

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Inquiry into the Offshore Petroleum (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021 [Provisions]

08 November 2021

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: Application of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth) on work paid for by this levy

REFERENCE: Written

QUESTION No.: 15

Have you made any assessment about whether the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth) applies to work which is paid for by this levy through a tender to the Commonwealth? If so what was the outcome?

ANSWER

The *Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011* does not apply to offshore facilities. Health and safety for the offshore sector is covered through the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* and is regulated by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

NOPSEMA is working closely with the Department, providing expertise and advice to ensure the management of the facility aligns as closely as possible to the safety and environmental regime that applies under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.