

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: Safety and environmental regulation on the Northern Endeavour

REFERENCE: Written

QUESTION No.: 13

During the 8 November hearing the Department was asked about what safety and environmental regulation applied on the Northern Endeavour, and the Department responded that ‘There's no regulatory framework in legislation. We enforce it through the contract.’ Can you confirm that this means that no Work Health and Safety legislation applies to the workforce carrying out work through these tenders?

ANSWER

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*.

Both the work health and safety and environmental requirements have been incorporated into the contract with Upstream PS.

The Department and Upstream PS are working under the Safety Case previously accepted by NOPSEMA under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations 2009*. An updated Safety Case is presently being developed with NOPSEMA for all activities underway and up to the point of disconnection of the facility.