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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY: Does the bureau liaise with overseas research agencies in terms of what it does?

Prof. Grafton: Yes, we do.

Senator BUSHBY: Which agencies do you continue to work with most?

Prof. Grafton: We have liaised with Natural Resources Canada. We are working with them on a particular project. They have particular expertise that complements our own, so we are working with them.

Senator BUSHBY: Would you mind taking on notice the details of that project?

Prof. Grafton: Certainly.

Senator BUSHBY: There is no need to worry about it today. Can you provide those details? That might do with the bureau.

Answer:

The Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics (BREE) is collaborating with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) on a number of research projects. These include the sharing of results and information on productivity in the mining sector, sharing of results on value-chain modelling, and the co-development of model(s) for long-term price projections for key mineral and energy commodities.