

Question on notice no. 23

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Environment and Communications Committee, Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Portfolio

Senator Janet Rice: asked the Department of Industry, Science and Resources on 2 March 2020—

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Answer —
Please see attached.

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ANSWER:

The date for release is a decision for Government. The Liquid Fuel Security Review will take a long term view of the fuel sector and it will be important to consider these long term assessments in light of the impacts on the industry due to COVID-19. The Government is currently prioritising working with the fuel industry on short term actions to monitor emerging issues and continue to provide supply certainty.