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Senator Di Natale asked:

Senator DI NATALE: Let me talk to you about the level of interest in investment in coal. Can I talk to you about that? Perhaps I will ask the question and you can then tell me whether you think it would be best directed somewhere else. Has the department engaged in any consultation in the last year with any investor anywhere that is interested in building a new coal-fired power station in Australia?

Dr de Brouwer: I will have to take that question on notice. You are asking about the department. It is really quite a broad question, and we would have to—

Senator DI NATALE: Check with other officials?

Dr de Brouwer: check it out.

Senator DI NATALE: Are you aware of any interest from any investor who wants to build new coal-fired power stations over the coming year?

Dr de Brouwer: Can I take that question on notice.

Answer:

As of early May 2017, the department has met with one party interested in opportunities for building a new coal-fired power station in Australia.