

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Topic: Lobbying the big 4 banks – Galilee Basin
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Senator Waters asked:

1. Have any of your officers met with or spoken to any staff from the Big 4 Australian banks about the Galilee Basin mega-coal mines or the Abbot Point coal port?
2. Can you take on notice to provide the dates, locations and positions of the officers present at those meetings or on those phone calls?
3. Please detail what those officers discussed with the banks?
4. Have any officers ever asked an Australian bank to make or not make any public statements about financing the Galilee Basin mega-mines or the Abbot Point coal port?
5. To your knowledge, has the Minister contacted any of the Big 4 banks to ask them to refrain from commenting publically on whether they'll finance the Galilee Basin mega-mines?

Answer:

1. No.
2. See response to Q1.
3. See response to Q1.
4. No.
5. The Department is not aware of the Minister contacting any of the four Banks to ask them to refrain from commenting publically on whether they'll finance the Galilee Basin mega-mines.