

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart asked:

In the absence of a carbon price or a similar mechanism, can CCS ever be commercially viable given it is a technology that directly captures and stored carbon emissions at considerable cost?

Answer:

Given it is a technology that is currently prohibited under our enabling Act, this question is best answered by research and industry experts such as the CSIRO, CO2CRC and Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute, or project sponsors themselves, as the CEFC have had limited exposure to CCS projects.