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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Okay, we will deal with those at 4.45. I just have one on the carbon tax repeal. The carbon tax has gone. Has your team reduced in numbers due to the repeal?

Dr Kennedy: The team that was responsible for repeal has disbanded.

Senator URQUHART: Were they part of your team?

Dr Kennedy: They are part of Mr Parker's division.

Senator URQUHART: Which is? We would like on the record what that division is.

Ms Hoitink: It is the climate change and renewable energy division. It was a task force established for repeal and it has now disbanded.

Senator URQUHART: What were the numbers?

Ms Hoitink: I do not think I have that to hand. I can take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide that?

Ms Hoitink: Yes, absolutely.

Answer:

The carbon tax repeal task force was staffed over three distinct phases of work:

1. September-November 2013: Repeal decision, consultation and legislation preparation process – 12 full-time equivalent officers, plus assistance from others as required.
2. November 2013-June 2014: Repeal process management – 6 full-time equivalent officers, plus assistance from others as required.
3. June-July 2014: Repeal legislation passage – 3 full-time equivalent officers, plus assistance from others as required.

The task force was disbanded immediately after passage of the main repeal Bill on 17 July 2014.