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Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Waters, Larissa asked:

Senator WATERS: ... Dr de Brouwer, can you take on notice, if you cannot answer me directly, when this issue of the change of structure was first discussed with the department and whether the department provided any advice into the implications of changing the source funding and on the overall reduction of money to clean energy.

Dr de Brouwer: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department was consulted on the proposed changes to funding arrangements for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and the Clean Energy Innovation Fund as part of the preparation by the Government of the relevant amendments to the Omnibus Savings Bill.

More generally, the Department had provided (and continues to provide) advice on funding for clean energy as part of its ordinary business of providing advice to the Government.