

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** CO2CRC – CRC Program

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**QUESTION NO.:** AI-22

**Senator KIM CARR:** When was the decision taken that the CRC program not fund the CO2 CRC? When was that decision taken? I am talking about the CRC committee.

**Mr Stirling:** That is correct. That was a funding recommendation from the CRC committee. I will have to take the exact date of this decision on notice.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Thank you. When would it be, roughly? Was it last year's round?

**Mr Stirling:** It was last year's funding extension round—round 17.

**Senator KIM CARR:** When were those round 17 submissions considered?

**Mr Stirling:** Applications closed in July 2014.

**Senator KIM CARR:** So, in July 2014 they closed. The committee would have met within a few months of that date.

**Mr Stirling:** That is correct.

**Senator KIM CARR:** What was the date of the committee meeting?

**Mr Stirling:** I do not have the exact date of the committee meeting with me. I have some dates here. Applications closed on 3 July 2014. The committee deliberated in relation to those applications. I do not have the exact date with me. I can take the exact date on notice, but it was between July and August. Applicants were advised of the stage 1 outcomes on 22 September 2014

**ANSWER**

Applications for the 17<sup>th</sup> Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Programme selection round closed on 3 July 2014. The CRC Committee met on 18 August 2014 to consider applications and make recommendations to the Minister.

The Minister considered the recommendations of the CRC Committee and applicants were advised of the stage one outcomes on 22 September 2014. The CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC) was not invited to stage two of the selection process.