

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

**TOPIC:** CO2CRC - Carbon Capture and Storage Grant

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 26 February 2015, page 117)

**QUESTION No.:** AI-23

**Senator KIM CARR:** Yes, sure. What was the date on which the cabinet signed off on the \$25 million grant for the CO2 CRC?

**Senator Ronaldson:** I do not think we will be talking about cabinet decisions.

**Senator KIM CARR:** We are entitled to know the date of the decision. What was the date of that?

**Senator Ronaldson:** On what basis are we entitled to know that?

**Senator KIM CARR:** It has been standard administrative practice in the Senate for a generation.

**Senator Ronaldson:** I do not know whether that is right.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Check with the Clerk.

**Senator Ronaldson:** We will take it on notice.

**Ms Beauchamp:** It was a decision of the minister, and the minister announced it recently. I do not have the exact date. I would have to get back to you.

**ANSWER**

The Minister advised the CO2CRC on 27 May 2014 that the budget provided up to \$25 million for the Otway project.