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Senator KIM CARR: What other partners are involved?

Ms Harman: Again, I will have to take that on notice. There are a whole range of companies, including the CSIRO, Geoscience Australia, University of Adelaide, Curtin, Melbourne, Monash, University of New South Wales—a whole host of companies ranging from Chevron, Glencore, Inpex.

Senator KIM CARR: That consortia has been involved in the Otway Basin project for some time, hasn't it?

Ms Harman: That is right.

Senator KIM CARR: How much money have they received overall for the project? Do you know that?

Ms Harman: Again, I just have not got that information directly in front of me.

Senator KIM CARR: I understand your point. Mr Sterling, who is involved in the CO2CRC? Who are the consortia members?

Mr Sterling: The CO2CRC ended on 31 December 2014. In terms of the consortium members that were involved, I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: But they would be the same people, wouldn't they?

Mr Sterling: I do not know that: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: You might do that, but I am sure the website will tell us in due course. Is it true, Ms Harman, they are substantially the same people?

Ms Harman: I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

The CO2CRC and its predecessor organisation, the Australian Petroleum CRC received a total of \$74.46 million from the CRC programme as follows:

- \$13.13 million for period 1991-1997 as the Australian Petroleum CRC
- \$16.29 million for period 1997-2003 as the Australian Petroleum CRC
- 26.49 million for period 2003-2010 as the CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC)
- \$18.55 million for period 2010-2014 as the CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies
- \$0 in CRC round 17, from 3 July 2014 as application was unsuccessful.

The funding was dedicated to a broad range of activities with the establishment and operation of the Otway project forming part of that.

The Department does not possess details of the amount of funding specifically for the Otway project out of the \$74.46 million.

On 1 December 2014 the Department entered into a funding agreement with CO2CRC Limited for \$25 million to continue to support the Otway project.

The list of consortia members at 31 December 2014 follows. While the membership changes from time to time we understand that the core members continue to support CO2CRC Limited.

- Australian National Low Emissions Coal Research and Development Ltd
- BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Limited
- BP Developments Australia Pty Limited
- BG International (Aus) Pty Ltd
- Brown Coal Innovation Australia Ltd
- CanSyd Pty Ltd
- Charles Darwin University
- Chevron Australia Pty Limited
- CSIRO
- Curtin University
- Geoscience Australia
- Glencore plc
- Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute
- GNS Science (formally Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited)
- INPEX Browse Ltd
- Korea Institute of Geosciences and Mineral Resources
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Monash University
- New South Wales Department of Primary Industries
- New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Process Group Pty Ltd
- Rio Tinto
- Sasol Petroleum International (Pty)
- Shell Development (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Simon Fraser University
- Technological Resources Pty Limited
- The University of Adelaide
- The University of Queensland
- The University of Melbourne
- The University of Western Australia
- Total Gas & Power Ventures SAS
- University of New South Wales
- Victoria Department of Environment and Primary Industries
- Western Australia Department of Mines and Petroleum

With the exception of Charles Darwin University and Technological Resources Pty Limited all of the participants listed above have an interest in the Otway project.