

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

**TOPIC:** CRC – Extension for Funding

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 26 February 2015, page 118)

**QUESTION NO.:** AI-27

**Senator KIM CARR:** How many years are they funded for?

**Ms Harman:** They have an out program which goes for five years, which is what we have contributed to.

**Senator KIM CARR:** That is the \$25 million for this time.

**Ms Harman:** That is correct.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Was there not a previous funding commitment?

**Mr Hoffman:** Under the CRC program.

**Senator KIM CARR:** And why did the CRC program not continue the funding?

**Mr Sterling:** The CRC committee made a funding recommendation in relation to the application that was provided by the CO2CRC. It was for an extension funding. You recall that round 17 was limited to extension applications only. And the CRC committee made a decision that the application that was put in by the CO2CRC was not meritorious.

**Senator KIM CARR:** It lacked merit. Why?

**Mr Sterling:** I will have to take the exact details of that on notice for you.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How much was the application for?

**Mr Sterling:** I will have to take that on notice too, Senator, I am sorry.

**ANSWER**

Applications are assessed against three selection criteria – Research, Results and Resources – full details of which are available in the Cooperative Research Centres Programme Guidelines at [www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/Collaboration/CRC/about-the-program/Pages/program-guidelines.aspx](http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/Collaboration/CRC/about-the-program/Pages/program-guidelines.aspx).

The extension application submitted by the CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC) which sought funding of \$15 million over five years did not demonstrate sufficient merit against the selection criteria and was deemed to be uncompetitive.