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TOPIC: CO2CRC – Independent Evaluator

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QUESTION No.: AI-29

Senator KIM CARR: I have got one final question on that CO2CRC. Was there an independent evaluation of the business case? Could you tell me that?

Ms Beauchamp: On the CO2?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, the ministerial grant of \$25 million.

Ms Beauchamp: It is part of the Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships Program. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: I would like to know the name of that independent evaluator.

Ms Beauchamp: I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

The business case for awarding the \$25 million for the Otway facility was subject to the normal budget development processes. This did not include an independent evaluation.

The Department received advice from the National Carbon Capture and Storage Council as to the importance of the Otway project in providing injection testing facilities to support global CCS efforts. The Council strongly recommended that the facility continue to be funded.