

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**AGENCY:** NORTHERN AUSTRALIA INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY

**TOPIC:** Correspondence regarding the consideration of coal power projects

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 2 March 2017, page 132-133)

**QUESTION No.:** AI-59

Senator KETTER: Ms Walker, can you provide any correspondence or records of conversations from the minister, from his staff or the department to NAIF regarding the consideration of coal power projects?

Senator Canavan: Take it on notice.

Ms Walker: Yes, I would have to take it on notice

Senator KETTER: Minister, have you or your staff or the department spoken to NAIF regarding your support for coal power?

Senator Canavan: I do not recall having specific discussions with the NAIF about individual projects, apart from the broader desire to get projects off the ground, including in all of these infrastructure areas. I will take on notice the broader elements in terms of my office and what have you.

**ANSWER**

1. Refer to answer AI-54.
2. There have been no discussions between NAIF, the Department and the Minister's Office on the Minister's support for coal power.