

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: BET 80**

**Topic: Clean Energy Future Modelling – Annual Growth Rate**

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**Senator CORMANN asked:**

Senator CORMANN: I might go into the carbon tax questions. That way, from our point of view, we might be able to get that out of the way. In the 2012-13 budget papers, Treasury suggested that the international carbon price would be \$29 when the fixed price phase expires and emissions trading commences in 2015-16. And Treasury also noted that the modelling of the clean energy future package remained. When conducting the modelling of the clean energy future package, what annual growth rate did the Treasury assume in that modelling for the European Union's 25 economies for the period 2010-2018?

Mr Campbell: That number has not been published, so I will have to take that on notice.

Senator CORMANN: I believe that it was 1.8 per cent.

Mr Campbell: It may well have been in that order. I will need to take that on notice.

Senator CORMANN: It is obviously very difficult to explore questions on modelling if you are not able to—

Senator Wong: He is allowed to take things on notice.

Senator CORMANN: How are we going to have a discussion—

Senator Wong: Senator, frankly, he is allowed to take things on notice. So let's not have an argument about it every time someone does.

**Answer:**

In the modelling, average annual GDP growth for EU25 was 1.8 per cent over the 2010-2020 period. This number is published on page 154 of the SGLP report.