

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: Galilee Basin projects**

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**Senator: Waters, Larissa**

**Question:**

"Senator WATERS: Are you aware—and perhaps this is a question for the minister—whether anyone else within government has been in touch with the big four about Galilee Basin projects? Sorry, Minister, this one might be more for you: I am just interested in whether there has been any government contact with the big four Australian banks about financing Galilee Basin coal projects.

Senator Cormann: Not by me, I would have to take on whether there has been any such contact by anybody else

Senator WATERS: Great—if you could do so, thank you very much."

**Answer:**

It would be an unreasonable use of the Government's resources to conduct the wide-ranging and comprehensive consultation with all areas of Government that would be necessary to provide an answer to the question.

This question would be more appropriately directed to individual Government agencies.