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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Boron Content of Steel

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Xenophon

QUESTION No.: SI-67

The Welding Technology Institute of Australia states that:

“Not having the 8 ppm limits on boron significantly impacts the safety of steel structures”

Is Standards Australia aware of this issue?

ANSWER

The below response has been prepared by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in consultation with Standards Australia.

As outlined in response to Question No. SI-65, Standards Australia develops Australian Standards and other consensus based documents through its process which complies with the principles of good standards development. Standards Australia does not arbitrate on the technical validity of particular arguments, like those of the Welding Technology Institute of Australia.