

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Topic: Mining tax proposal to the February COAG meeting

Asked By: Senator Cormann

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Senator CORMANN: Just before Christmas there was a story in The Australian that the Prime Minister would take the proposed mining tax to the COAG meeting just gone ... Has there been at any point in time a suggestion to take the mining tax proposal to the February COAG meeting?

Dr de Brouwer - I am not aware of anything like that. I will take it on notice, but I am not aware of that.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was not aware of any suggestions that the Commonwealth Government would take the Minerals Resource Rent Tax to the February 2011 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting.