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Senator Pratt asked:

Senator PRATT: This is probably outside your remit, but what is the economic contribution of coal exports from ports in the Great Barrier Reef and how does that compare to tourism?

Dr Dripps : I will take that question on notice. However, I can indicate from discussions with the Queensland government as recently as last week that it is higher than the contribution of the tourism industry.

Answer:

It is not the Department of the Environment's remit to provide economic data on coal export from Queensland ports or tourism values.

It is noted that Queensland's Department of Natural Resources and Mines provide quarterly/yearly Queensland Coal Statistics reports that include "Exports by Port", sourced at <http://mines.industry.qld.gov.au/mining/coal-statistics.htm>.

The economic contribution of tourism would be best provided by the Queensland Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games: <http://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/>.