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Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE: Can you indicate whether the emissions from the Hazelwood mine site will be included in the national greenhouse inventory? Take that on notice too. Under what category would it be classed? What are you going to do about a methodology in relation to that? I will leave that on notice with you.

Mr Carter: Yes. Some of those questions would be best addressed to the department, but we will sort that out.

Dr Kennedy: We will take the questions about the effect on the inventory and your question about the classification of mine fires as well.

Answer:

The emissions from this event are not within scope of the national greenhouse gas inventory. The IPCC Guidelines on the preparation of national greenhouse gas inventories would not apply in this case if the cause of the fire was a bushfire event.

The Department is not developing a methodology for this kind of event, but will continue to monitor international developments to ensure that the approach taken in the Australian national greenhouse gas inventory is consistent with international practice.