Senator EVANS asked: — When was the Department first made aware of the proposal to establish an Emissions Trading Task group?

ANSWER

13 November 2006

Senator EVANS asked: — What is the Department's total budget for the Task Group?

ANSWER

Nil. The Taskforce is funded by the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet.

Senator EVANS asked: — Has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on domestic carbon emissions trading? If so, how many times and over what period?

ANSWER

Yes. Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.
QUESTION No.      AI-148

Senator EVANS asked:— Has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on global carbon emissions trading? If so, how many times and over what period?

ANSWER

Yes. Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.

QUESTION No.      AI-149

Senator EVANS asked:— Has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on the link between carbon emissions and climate change? If so, how many times and over what period?

ANSWER

Yes. Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.

QUESTION No.      AI-150

Senator EVANS asked:— Did the Department brief the Minister for Industry on the recently released IPCC Report which noted that it was almost certain that there is a link between human activity and climate change?

ANSWER

Yes.

QUESTION No.      AI-151

Senator EVANS asked:— What other climate change related reports has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on over the last 12 months?

ANSWER

Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.