# **Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

# ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC: Nuclear Industry** 

REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTION

QUESTION No. AI-94

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department provided any briefing to the Minister on the establishment of a domestic nuclear power industry?

#### **ANSWER**

Yes. The Department has provided briefing on the issues surrounding the feasibility of a domestic nuclear power industry.

QUESTION No. AI-95

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department provided any briefing to the Minister on the establishment of a domestic nuclear enrichment industry?

#### **ANSWER**

Yes. The Department has provided briefing on the issues surrounding the feasibility of a domestic nuclear enrichment industry.

QUESTION No. AI-96

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department done any analysis of the issues that would need to be considered in determining likely sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?

### **ANSWER**

No.

QUESTION No. AI-97

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department commissioned any work into what issues would need to be considered in determining likely sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?

#### **ANSWER**

No.

QUESTION No. AI-98

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department done any analysis of suitable sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?

**ANSWER** 

No.

QUESTION No. AI-99

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department commissioned any analysis of suitable sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?

**ANSWER** 

No.

QUESTION No. AI-100

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department provided any briefing to the Minister on possible sites for nuclear power stations in Australia?

### **ANSWER**

No, however the Department has provided briefing in response to the Australia Institute's speculation/suggestion of possible sites for nuclear power stations.

QUESTION No. AI-101

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department done any analysis on the impact on coal fired power generation, if nuclear power plants were established in Australia?

**ANSWER** 

No.

QUESTION No. AI-102

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department commissioned any analysis on the impact on coal fired power generation, if nuclear power plants were established in Australia?

# **ANSWER**

No. Over the years the Department has commissioned work examining the impact of various climate change responses on the Australian economy. This has from time to time involved sensitivity analysis in relation to various electricity generation technologies including nuclear power.