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Senator Joyce asked:

Senator JOYCE—I just want to know what percentage of Australia's iron ore exports they purchase.

Mr Hartwell—My colleague here thinks that probably around 40 per cent of Chinese imports of iron ore come from Australia, but we will have to take that on notice.

Senator JOYCE—But do about 40 per cent of Australia's iron ore exports go to China?

Mr Hartwell—It is just a different figure. I do not have that figure immediately available, but we will find it for you.

Answer:

In 2008, 59.2% of Australia's iron ore exports went to China.

Source: *Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE), Australian Mineral Statistics 2009, December Quarter 2008*