

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator Bushby - Have departmental officers had discussions with their colleagues within the investment attraction arm of Austrade that handles strategic investment coordination projects pertaining to the resources sector?

Mr Hartwell- Yes

Senator Bushby- Have any of those discussions extended to carbon capture and storage projects?

Mr Hartwell- to my knowledge, they have not extended to carbon and storage projects.

Senator Bushby- You do not sound absolutely sure about that.

Mr Hartwell- I am not the person who has conducted all of those discussions and I am just saying that, to my knowledge, the ones that I have been involved in –

Senator Bushby- Would you put it on notice to check that to see whether any of those discussion have been held in regard to those projects?

Mr Hartwell- Yes.

Answer:

There have been no discussions with Austrade in relation to possible strategic investment coordination projects involving carbon capture and storage.