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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: Departmental funding for clean coal technologies

REFERENCE: Written Question

QUESTION No. B1-86

Senator Evans asked:

For the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 can the Department separately indicate the total funding allocated to every relevant organisation, for the purpose of research, development and demonstration of clean coal technologies?

ANSWER

Under the Cleaner Fossil Energy Task Force in Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APP) Program, contractual arrangements are in place for:

- Geoscience Australia, who will be paid \$105,000 (GST exclusive)
- UCC Energy Pty Ltd, who will be paid \$60,000 (GST exclusive)

It is expected that a further portion of the APP Program funds will be provided to organisations, however, as project development and negotiations are still underway, funding has not yet been allocated.

Please note: In responding to a similar question asked at the 2006-07 Additional Budget Estimates Hearing on 15 and 16 February 2007, advice was provided on in-principle funding support to organisations. This advice provides information on funding where contracts are now in place.

Under AusIndustry Programs:

Commercial Ready

- Exergen Pty Ltd total funding in 2007-08 is \$380,000.

Innovation Access

- CO2CRC Management Pty total funding in 2007-08 is \$1.14 million.

Under the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund (LETDF), the following companies are expected to receive funding for clean coal technology projects:

- CS Energy Ltd (total funding \$50 million) – expected completion approximately 2014-15*.
- International Power (Technologies) Pty Ltd (total funding \$50 million) – expected completion 2013-14*.
- HRL Developments (IDGCC) Pty Ltd (total funding \$100 million) – expected completion 2009-10 or 2010-11*.

* The funding profiles will not be known until the Schedules to the Funding Deeds are finalised.