

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: SBT 309 - 310

Topic: ABS Carbon Price Legislation

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Senator Bushy asked:

309. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?

310. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?

Answer:

309. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) was consulted in development of the Household and Community Assistance and Land Sector Measures. For the Household and Community Assistance package this consultation occurred with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) for development of the Household Energy Survey as well as the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, the Treasury, and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in conjunction with DCCEE, consulted the ABS on a Land Management Practices Survey to provide information to support Carbon Farming Futures under the Land Sector Measures. The ABS has been involved in ongoing discussions with Treasury and Department of Finance and Deregulation on statistical implications of carbon pricing from a macro-economic perspective.

310. In line with standard practice at Senate Estimates, the ABS is unable to comment on Government policy.