

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN: Since January or February - have there been any discussions that PM&C have been involved in in relation to WA plans to increase iron ore royalties on finds?

Dr English: I can only inform you that I have not participated in any such discussion, and I would need to check the record for any broader question within Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Answer:

The department did not participate in any discussions regarding the Western Australian Government's plans to increase iron ore royalties on fines between January and the public announcement of those plans in May 2011.