

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Inquiry into the National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program Group: Net Zero Economy Taskforce

Topic: Engagement with Traditional Owners in Victoria

Senator: Jana Stewart

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Question:

Senator STEWART: Have you done any work in Victoria in engaging with traditional owners?

Ms Crosthwaite: I might need to take that on notice. The one trip we've done that I didn't do was the Latrobe Valley. I believe that the team was unable to meet with traditional owners in Victoria, but I would need to take on notice the details of that.

Answer:

To date, the Net Zero Economy Taskforce has had one regional visit to Victoria – Latrobe Valley. The Taskforce sought to meet with the local Traditional Owner representative body in this context. This group were unable to meet with the Taskforce but provided feedback on effective processes and timeframes for engagement with First Nations people. Their advice, along with insights from our meetings with Traditional Owners in other regions, and other First Nations stakeholders, has been built into Taskforce work to develop longer term strategies for engagement with First Nations people and others on the topic of net zero transition.

Our advice to Government will reflect this commitment, as will any ongoing program of work in response to the Taskforce's advice.