

Scrutiny of New Taxes Committee

Inquiry into a Carbon Tax
Response to Question on Notice

16 September 2011

Question No: 7

Topic: Regulatory Impact Statement

Question:

Senator FIFIELD: When did the regulatory impact statement go to cabinet?

Dr Kennedy: I cannot answer that question—I will just check with my colleagues. I will have to take that on notice as I am not certain.

Senator FIFIELD: Okay, I would be interested as to whether that was before or after the government's announcement on 24 February that they were going to introduce a carbon tax.

Dr Kennedy: I am quite certain it was before, but as to the precise date, I will take it on notice. What date did you say?

Senator FIFIELD: 24 February.

Dr Kennedy: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department apologises for an error in its earlier answer to this question provided to the Scrutiny of New Taxes Committee on 27 September 2011. The following corrects the earlier answer to this question.

An adequate Regulation Impact Statement, as assessed by the Office of Best Practice Regulation, accompanied the Cabinet's deliberations on the matters relating to the Government's announcement of 24 February 2011. This Regulation Impact Statement was not published, as the Australian Government's Regulation Impact Assessment processes do not, as a matter of course, require the publishing of Regulation Impact Statements dealing with Cabinet deliberations on negotiating positions.

A final Regulation Impact Statement was publicly released on 21 July 2011.