

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Has either PM&C or the Covid Commission incorporated the findings of AEMO's recently released Integrated Systems Plan that sees no scenario where there is any expanded role for gas because storage of renewables will be much cheaper than gas and will those findings be incorporated into any economic recovery plan?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board (NCCAB) take into account a wide range of sources when providing advice to the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, including from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).