

**Select Committee on COVID-19**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** Gas pipelines

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice – Senator Siewert (Hansard, , Page )

**QUESTION No.:** 2

Can the government currently underwrite gas pipelines or contract gas offtake agreements under existing legislation or will new supporting legislation be required?

**ANSWER**

The appropriate mechanism to underwrite a particular project would be highly dependent on the context and specific details of any proposal, which could vary significantly.