

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Chair

Question on notice – Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

Question

1. CSIRO's previous response to a QoN indicated that research regarding the modelling of future potential abated and unabated emissions in the Middle Arm Development Precinct industrial development scenarios would be complete by July 2024. If that research has not been finalised, what is the revised date for its public release?
2. If that research won't be publicly released prior to 6 August (a week prior to the committee's reporting date), can you provide the committee, on a confidential basis if needed, what will be the headline emissions figures produced by CSIRO in this research?

Answer

Results of the emissions scenario modelling will be made available on publication of the interim carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) Business Case project parts 1 and 2 reports. This research is continuing, with publication expected in October 2024, after a delay due to resourcing constraints. The data cannot be released prior to this research project being concluded.