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Dear Heidi

Please find attached responses to two Questions-on-Notice taken by DEH during the public hearing on 14 March 2005 relating to the Beijing Amendment to the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer*.

Regards

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QUESTIONS-ON-NOTICE

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Monday, 14 March 2005
 10.00am to 12.30pm
 Committee Room 2R1

Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, done at Beijing in November 1999

Q1. Senator WILKIE asked:

Do we know the volume of products they [China] are using at the moment?

The latest available information provided by the Parties in accordance with Article 7 of the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* (Document UNEP/OzL.Pro.16/4).

<i>2003 HCFC Production and Consumption in China</i>	
HCFC production	11745.2 ODP tonnes*
HCFC consumption = (production+imports-exports)	7808.7 ODP tonnes*

Source: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ozone Secretariat homepage: <http://www.unep.org/ozone/index.asp>

* The Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) is calculated on a 'per mass' basis relative to CFC-11, which has an ODP defined to be 1. Measurement in ODP tonnes is derived from multiplying the substances' mass in tonnes by its ozone depleting potential.

Q2. Senator MACKAY asked:

'Are there any countries to which Australia re-exports hydrochlorofluorocarbons that have not ratified or do not intend to ratify?', and

'Do you know which countries specifically?'

2003- 2004 Re-exports	Ratification Status
Papua New Guinea	Not ratified
Solomon Islands	Not ratified
South Africa	Ratified 11-11-2004
New Zealand	Ratified 8-06-2001
Tuvalu	Ratified 4-10-2004
Vanuatu	Not ratified

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