

Question on notice no. 25

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Economics Committee, Industry, Science and Resources Portfolio

Senator David Pocock: asked the Department of Industry, Science and Resources on 7 November 2024—

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Ms Urquhart: No. We obviously maintain contact both with the Japanese government but also with Japanese companies. We don't feel we need to be supported or assisted by other firms.

Ms Quinn: But we also can't rule out joint venture parties having discussions and exchanging information, and so there are a myriad of joint venture opportunities between Japanese investors and Australian companies. So we didn't work through Australian companies, but we can't rule out them working together.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Given there's a little bit of wiggle room, can you just advise, on notice, whether or not some of those meetings were facilitated by Australian gas companies? I'm interested to know whether the government sought or received input from Pacific island countries on the Future Gas Strategy.

Mr Jeremenko: I don't have that information to hand, but I can check whether we did.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Can you confirm if any other foreign government officials provided input into the strategy-and if they did, which countries?

Ms Urquhart: The answer is yes.

Mr Jeremenko: Yes, there definitely would have been. We can take this on notice and give you the specific answer, but, in terms of the key buyers of LNG from Australia, I would put a very high probability on the fact that Korean partners were spoken to, Taiwanese, as a couple of examples.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Could you give us the list, on notice, please?

Answer —

Please see attached answer.

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ANSWER

Australian gas companies did not facilitate any of the Department of Industry, Science and Resource's Future Gas Strategy consultation meetings with Japanese stakeholders. Overseas posts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including those in Pacific Island nations, were informed about the release of the Future Gas Strategy consultation paper and were provided with information to support their engagement.

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources held meetings with embassies in Australia representing foreign governments including Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and the People's Republic of China. Three confidential submissions were received from Japan, Singapore and Taiwan.