

Question on notice no. 1

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Environment and Communications Committee, Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Portfolio

Senator Jenny McAllister: asked the Department of Industry, Science and Resources on 25 May 2021—

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Answer —

Answer attached.

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ANSWER

The commitment to provide up to \$600 million for Snowy Hydro Limited to construct a 660 MW open cycle gas turbine at Kurri Kurri was included in the 2021-22 Budget as a decision taken but not yet announced.