

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

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‘Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute’

Questions on Notice: AusAID

Topic: Use of environmental indicators for evaluating the success of the GGGI

Senator: Senator Bridget McKenzie

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SENATOR McKenzie: *I want to reiterate an earlier question about the OECD’s list of headline environmental indicators – the indicator for environmental policies in the list. My understanding is the definition for that has not been developed, and I would appreciate knowing how we are to evaluate its success, given that we do not know what the definition is, and some timelines around when that definition might be developed.*

Answer:

A range of environmental indicators have been developed, including indicators for environmental policies, under the OECD’s Green Growth Strategy.

The OECD is also currently working with the GGGI, as well as the World Bank and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), under the ‘Green Growth Knowledge Platform’ (GGKP) to further develop indicators for green growth, including on environmental policies. In April 2013, the GGKP commenced discussions on the development of a common approach for green growth indicators, which will be progressed in 2013 and 2014.

The OECD’s environmental indicators will play an important role in monitoring the success of the GGGI. AusAID’s evaluation of the GGGI will also be informed by a range of tools that the aid program utilises for its multilateral partnerships. This assessment framework includes:

1. Alignment of the GGGI with Australia’s aid objectives in the Australia’s aid policy, the Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework (available at the AusAID website: www.ausaid.gov.au/makediff/pages/capf.aspx/).
2. GGGI’s performance against the Australian aid program’s quality criteria, as defined by the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), and set out on the AusAID website at www.ausaid.gov.au/makediff/ode/Pages/default.aspx.
3. AusAID’s evaluation of the GGGI’s effectiveness as a multilateral organisation, according to the criteria set out in the Australian Multilateral Assessment (AMA): see www.ausaid.gov.au/partner/pages/ama-submissions.aspx.