

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Roberts asked:

Senator ROBERTS: Cheap energy is fundamental to protecting the environment: has any research been done within your department on the veracity of that statement? In other words, will high energy costs hurt the environment directly or indirectly?

Dr de Brouwer: I am not aware of that. We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department is not aware of any research that has been done on the veracity of the statement that cheap energy is fundamental to protecting the environment.