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Senator WATERS asked:

Senator WATERS: Could you give me a bit more detail about the nature of the projects, because it has been 80 or 90 per cent land sector in previous auctions. Does that characterisation continue?

Ms Swirepik: The overall portfolio remains about the same as you would have recognised previous to auction 5, so there is still about 8½ million tonnes of the 11 million tonnes that was taken at auction 5 around vegetation methods, about two million in waste, and then some representation from savanna burning, agriculture, industrial fugitives and energy efficiency.

Senator WATERS: What were the industrial fugitives?

Ms Swirepik: I do not, literally, have all the projects with me. It was a single project, so I will probably have to get that for you on notice. It may have been coalmine waste gas.

Answer:

Our Energy Group Pty Limited contracted with the Commonwealth to deliver 100,000 tonnes of carbon abatement through the fifth Emissions Reduction Fund auction in April 2017. The contract period is seven years.

The project, Central Coast No.2 – CMWM Flaring Project, is a new flaring project that is installing and operating new flaring devices to capture and combust the methane component of coal mine waste gas.