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**Senator Waters, Larissa asked:**

Senator WATERS: Just to pick up on the excellent questions already asked, whether it is ESOO or NTNDP, you were talking about investment opportunities that were specified by AEMO in either one of those documents. Does that include a consideration of proposals in either the CEFC or ARENA pipelines?

Mr Heferen: I do not know. I will have to take that on notice.

Senator WATERS: We were not able to bring AEMO before us, unfortunately, at these estimates, although I think we are going to try to rectify that for next time. So, if you could take that on notice, that would be great.

Mr Heferen: I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) published its 2016 Electricity Statement of Opportunities (ESOO), for the National Electricity Market (NEM) in August 2016. The ESOO provides technical and market data that informs decision-making processes, including in relation to investment opportunities, over 10 years.

The ESOO provides a projected outlook to 2025-26 of supply adequacy under a number of scenarios, taking into account committed projects which meet AEMO's criteria, including those supported by the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and ARENA.