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Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Topic: Tasmania to Victoria Fastcat
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Senator Lambie, Jacqui asked:

Senator LAMBIE: I have asked the CEFC before about a fastcat service from Tasmania to Victoria and you have indicated that a fastcat service would qualify for funding. Do you still have the same view? If so, please explain why.

Mr Yates: I am not sure where that project is up to, so I have to take that question on notice. It will depend on the emissions from fastcats as opposed to those from 'normal cats'. I think, from memory, when we were discussing it, there was a view that the fastcats could be more efficient than traditional ferries. But I do not have that answer for you at the moment. I am happy to take it on notice and come back to you.

Answer:

It is possible the fast cat service could qualify for investment, but it is hard to be definitive about technical eligibility without more information about how the vessel would be powered and how it would perform.

No proponent has contacted us about the transaction.