

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

**Division/Agency:** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

**Question No:** 97

**Topic:** LNG Exports - Impact of gas reservation policies

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Whish-Wilson, Peter

**Question:**

Has the ACCC conducted or commissioned any empirical research on how gas reservation policies affect investment in gas exploration or production in Australia? If yes, please provide.

**Answer:**

No, but Section 3.3.3 of the ACCC's report "Inquiry into the east coast gas market", April 2016, available <http://www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/energy/east-coast-gas-inquiry-2015> does discuss the effect of gas reservation policies.

Gas reservation policies were also discussed in an Allen Consulting Group report commissioned by the ACCC in 2009, available <http://registers.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/873291/fromItemId/401858/display/accCorrespondence> under "Gorgon Gas Project Final Report - 24.07.09".