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Question:

Senator WONG: I will be really quick. Do you understand the government's position now to be that an emissions intensity scheme for the electricity sector is not an option the government will be pursuing—that is, that it is ruled out?

Ms Pearce: That is my understanding.

Senator WONG: When did you first become aware that that was the position?

Ms Pearce: Sometime in December. I could not tell you exact date right now.

Senator WONG: How did you become aware?

Ms Pearce: I believe there was a statement from the Prime Minister.

Senator WONG: What alterations to the COAG agenda or documents provided for COAG did you have to engage in, or did you have to implement, as a result of that change in position?

Ms Pearce: I do not remember if we made any changes. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

No alterations were made to the COAG agenda, or documents provided for COAG, as a result of the statements by the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, on an emissions intensity scheme on 7 December 2016.