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Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE: I want to swap to another subject, and that is the Hazelwood fires in the mine in Victoria at the moment. I understand that GDF owns the mine. Can you tell me whether the greenhouse gas emissions from the mine will be added to GDF's liability under the clean energy legislation?

Ms Munro: I might refer that question to Mr Carter, who has those details on the relevant determination.

Mr Carter: I would have to take that on notice. As far as I am aware, the determination does not have in it methodologies for estimating fires that might result at a facility of that nature. I will take that question on notice.

Answer:

Any greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the Morwell Open Cut Mine fire are not covered emissions under section 30 of the *Clean Energy Act 2011* for the purposes of imposing a carbon price liability.