

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** *Carbon emissions trading task group*

**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTION

**QUESTION No.** AI-145

**Senator EVANS asked:**— When was the Department first made aware of the proposal to establish an Emissions Trading Task group?

**ANSWER**

13 November 2006

**QUESTION No.** AI-146

**Senator EVANS asked:**— What is the Department's total budget for the Task Group?

**ANSWER**

Nil. The Taskforce is funded by the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet.

**QUESTION No.** AI-147

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on domestic carbon emissions trading? If so, how many times and over what period?

**ANSWER**

Yes. Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.

**QUESTION No. AI-148**

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on global carbon emissions trading? If so, how many times and over what period?

**ANSWER**

Yes. Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.

**QUESTION No. AI-149**

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on the link between carbon emissions and climate change? If so, how many times and over what period?

**ANSWER**

Yes. Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.

**QUESTION No. AI-150**

**Senator EVANS asked:**— Did the Department brief the Minister for Industry on the recently released IPCC Report which noted that it was almost certain that there is a link between human activity and climate change?

**ANSWER**

Yes.

**QUESTION No. AI-151**

**Senator EVANS asked:**— What other climate change related reports has the Department briefed the Minister for Industry on over the last 12 months?

**ANSWER**

Advice between the Minister and his Department is given in confidence.