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QUESTION No. AI-11

Senator MILNE—In terms of the carbon capture and the storage aspect, what work are you doing in terms of sequestration?

Dr Ronalds—Our program of sequestration happens through the CO₂ CRC and, again, there is a pilot plant there that I believe the CRC expects to start operating in late March as well.

Senator MILNE—Where will that be?

Dr Ronalds—In the Otway area in Victoria.

Senator MILNE—What is the scale of that?

Dr Ronalds—I had better take that on notice. I am not sure of the exact size.

ANSWER

The CO₂CRC Otway Project has plans to inject up to 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide over two years. This corresponds to a rate of 50,000 tonnes per annum (tpa).