Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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TOPIC: Emissions Intensive, Trade Exposed Industry (EITE) Assistance

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Senator ABETZ—Are you able to tell us how many EITE activities are eligible for EITE assistance in both the 90 per cent and 60 per cent categories? Undoubtedly you will take that on notice as well.

Mr Paterson—I will.

ANSWER

The Department of Climate Change has already identified 33 activities that it will formally assess for EITE assistance. This number could increase after submissions from industry. How many will ultimately qualify for each level of assistance will depend on data that the relevant industries have been asked to provide. It would be reasonable to assume that a significant number of activities will qualify across both categories.

A list of the activities is contained in the recently released 'Guidance Paper: Assessment of Activities for the Purposes of the Emissions-Intensive Trade-Exposed Assistance Program'. These activities are listed below.

- Alumina refining
- Aluminium smelting
- Ammonia production
- Carbon black production
- Cardboard manufacturing
- Cartonboard manufacturing
- Caustic soda and chlorine gas production
- Clinker production
- Coke production
- Copper refining/smelting
- Ethanol production
- Float glass production
- Fused alumina production
- Fused zirconia production
- Glass container production
- Iron and steel manufacturing
- Lead and zinc refining/smelting
- Lime production

- Liquefied natural gas production
- Magnesia production
- Methanol production
- Newsprint manufacturing
- Nitric acid/ammonium nitrate production
- Petroleum refining
- Pig iron production
- Ethylene/polyethylene production
- Printing paper manufacturing
- Silicon production
- Soda ash production
- Synthetic rutile production
- Tissue paper manufacturing
- Titanium dioxide production
- Urea production