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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Topic: Rio Tinto coal exports
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Senator Joyce asked:

Senator JOYCE—What portion of the sector does Rio Tinto have with the export of coal?

Mr Hartwell—Of total Australian coal, both thermal and metallurgical coal? Again we can take that on notice and give you a precise figure, if you so wish. It is just that we have not come equipped with all of those specific sorts of market shares and individual companies. We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Rio Tinto's equity share of exports of coal from Australian mines in 2008 was 7.3 million tonnes of coking coal and 22 million tonnes of thermal coal. These export shares amounted to 5.4 percent of total Australian coking coal exports (135 million tonnes) and 19.1 per cent of total Australian thermal coal exports (115.1 million tonnes) in 2008.