

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
Additional Budget Senate Estimates
10 February 2010

Question: AR8
Topic: Carbon Capture and Storage Ready
Proof Hansard Page: E121

Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE—Would you please take it on notice to establish for me what ‘carbon capture and storage ready’ means in relation to a new coal fired power station in Queensland?

Mr Pierce—We can certainly try and find out for you how the Queensland government has specified that.

Senator MILNE—Thank you. I would appreciate that.

Answer:

The Queensland Government has defined carbon capture and storage ready (‘CCS-ready’) in its ‘ClimateQ: towards a greener Queensland’ report. In this report, ‘CCS-ready’ means a coal fired power station demonstrating plans and milestones for incorporation of carbon capture and storage.

Further, the Queensland Government fact sheet entitled ‘Conditions for new coal-fired electricity generation’ has detailed that, in Queensland ‘CCS-ready’ incorporates an additional condition that there are no known barriers to installation of the technology to the power station once the technology has been proven on a commercial scale.