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QUESTION No.26
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Senator Campbell asked about:

In relation to the National Oil Supplies Emergency Committee and in the event of a liquid fuel emergency, is there a set of guidelines outlining the steps to be followed in managing a national fuels emergency? Can you table those guidelines?

ANSWER

Over the last 12 months the National Oil Supply Emergency Committee (NOSEC) has been developing a National Liquid Fuel Emergency Operational Response Plan to manage severe liquid fuel supply shortfalls in the event a national liquid fuel emergency is invoked by the Governor-General.

The Plan is still under active review by the Government and by State Ministers and so cannot currently be made publicly available. The Plan however is a very detailed document which has been tested in simulation exercises and could be utilised in the event a national liquid fuel supply crisis eventuated in the future. A copy of the Plan can be made available to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee once the Ministerial approval process is complete.

Further information on the make-up and operation of NOSEC can be found on the Department's website: www.industry.gov.au.