

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
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TOPIC: COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OF NORTH WEST SHELF
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QUESTION No.39

(Hansard 31/05/05, p.E6)

Senator O'Brien asked about:

Has the Department received submissions that put the view that the favourable arrangements that currently apply to the North West Shelf place the other potential LNG projects at a competitive disadvantage?

ANSWER

On 31 May 2005 the Department received a submission from a company within the oil and gas industry on a 'commercial-in-confidence' basis that includes a general comment about the need for major energy projects to operate under an appropriately competitive set of arrangements.

Other than this general comment, we are not aware that this issue has been previously raised with the Department.