

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
TOPIC: WORKFORCE REPRESENTATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS
INDUSTRY STRATEGY
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QUESTION No.BI-46
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Senator O'Brien asked about:

Why is there no workforce representation in the development of the oil and gas industry strategy to ensure that skills development, safety, security and long-term labour force issues are addressed along with the other strategic issues?

ANSWER

The upstream petroleum growth strategy is an initiative of the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA). The strategy is being developed by a Strategy Leaders Group convened by APPEA. The Department, Geoscience Australia, CSIRO, the Western Australian Department of Industry and Resources and the Chair of the Standing Committee of Officials to the Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources (from the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines) are represented on this group.

APPEA will be undertaking consultation and inviting comments on a draft issues paper from a range of stakeholders including the Australian Council of Trade Unions.