

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: bet 17

Topic: North West Shelf Joint Venture

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Senator Cormann asked:

1. Has the Federal Government, either at the Minister's level or at a departmental level, received any written representations in relation to the proposed \$2.5 billion imposition of excise on condensate produced offshore by the North West Shelf Joint Venture?
2. What as the content of those representations?
3. Will a copy of those written representations be made publicly available?
4. What actions, if any, has been taken by the Government as a result of those representations?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. The representations contain a number of different views.
3. No. It would not be appropriate to publicly release representations made. However, the Senate Standing Committee on Economics, in undertaking its inquiry into the condensate measure, has (and may continue to) receive representations from the upstream petroleum industry and others that have an interest in this policy issue.
4. The Government takes into account representations made from all groups in the community in considering the merits of policy issues and in finalising implementation details.