

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2008-09

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Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE—I can appreciate that. Can you tell me how many of the projects in the work program for this year provide direct support for petroleum exploration and at what dollar value?

Dr Williams—I will just ask Dr Foster.

Dr Foster—I can give you some numbers for the precompetitive work that will be undertaken this year in the 2008-09 program. It will be in the order of the offshore energy program. We will be acquiring about \$11 million worth of data. I can give you the rest of the detail on notice.

Senator MILNE—If you could do that it would be appreciated.

Answer:

Total funding for precompetitive work undertaken in the 2008-09 offshore energy program will be \$27,148,098 for employees, acreage release and suppliers (including acquisition).