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**Question:** BR-1  
**Topic:** Coal consumption  
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**Senator Joyce asked:**

Senator JOYCE—Mr Stamford, in regard to our current position with the consumption of coal, what portion of the global market is Australian coal?

Mr Stamford—Australian coal contributes about 30 per cent of the global market.

Senator JOYCE—Thirty per cent of consumed coal?

Mr Stamford—Yes. That is 30 per cent of seaborne coal, so that is the export market.

Senator JOYCE—Of the total coal contained in the world?

Mr Stamford—I do not have that, but we can find it for you.

**Answer:**

According to data from the International Energy Agency, Australia consumed approximately 148 million tonnes of both black and brown coal in 2007 with total world coal consumption approximately 6.48 billion tonnes. Consequently, Australia's share of total world coal consumption was around 2.3 per cent in 2007. Total Australian coal production (which includes domestic consumption and exports) accounted for nearly 6.2 per cent of world coal consumption in 2007.