

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Topic: Geoscience Australia

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Senator Bushby asked:

Redirection of money in Budget 09-10 for Renewables Australia (RA).

- a. Is there any additional funding for Geoscience Australia in the 09-10 budget, separate from the \$500m renewable energy fund announced in the 08-09 budget?
- b. As the money is being redirected from the non-solar related elements of the Renewable Energies Fund, does this mean any funding cuts for Geoscience Australia?
- c. What were the non-solar elements of the renewable energies fund as referred to in the 08-09 budget ? Have any projects relating to the non-solar elements of Renewable Energies Fund been cancelled or postponed due to this change in funding?

Answer:

- a. Geoscience Australia has nothing to do with the renewable energy funding announced in the 2009-10 budget. There is no additional funding for Geoscience Australia in the 2009-10 budget.
- b. No.
- c. Not applicable to Geoscience Australia. Refer to the Department of Energy, Resources and Tourism.