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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Senator Abetz asked:

Mr Clarke—The department has not modelled alternative policy in this area.

Senator ABETZ—Has the minister—and possibly you will need to take this on notice,

Senator McLucas— expressed his concerns to Mr Combet about the tone and nature of his speech at the Minerals Week conference on 27 May 2009?

Senator McLucas—I am happy to ask Minister Ferguson if he has anything that would assist the committee.

Answer:

The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism is unaware of Minister Ferguson having a discussion with Mr Combet regarding his speech at the Minerals Week conference on 27 May 2009.