

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Radioactive waste management strategy

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Senator Abetz asked:

Senator ABETZ—Minister, when do we anticipate that this strategy will be completed? You had a very strong policy at the last election to repeal certain legislation, but in the rush of legislation I have not seen replacement legislation. Chances are you might even get cooperation from at least one or two other parties in the Senate if you were to introduce legislation. Can you advise us of the timeline for the strategy?

Senator McLucas—Minister Ferguson is on the public record regularly and often around the question of progressing this work. I will ask him if there is any information that he can provide to this committee with respect to your question of the timeline.

Answer:

The Minister is currently working on a comprehensive, national approach to radioactive waste management. The Minister will make details of this approach available when it is completed and agreed within the Government.