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**Senator ABETZ asked:**

**Senator ABETZ**—Well, that is not what I am asking. Was any of the information that was being gathered for the purposes of this publication at any stage shared with Treasury or the Henry review as the information was coming together?

**Mr Farrell**—No. What I meant by a previous edition was the survey is run annually, so it is released annually.

**Senator ABETZ**—Sorry. I thought you were trying to make a distinction between the draft and the final draft.

**Mr Farrell**—No.

**Senator ABETZ**—I accept that. Thank you for that. I do not know if you have the document in front of you or available to you.

**Mr Farrell**—No. I do not have it with me.

**Senator ABETZ**—Let us see how we go. On page 7 of that document we are told that the operating profit before tax of the mining sector in 2008-09 was \$63.636 billion. Is somebody able to confirm that or not?

**Mr Farrell**—Sorry. I do not have the publication with me. We produce a very large number of publications.

**Senator ABETZ**—Of course you do. I am not critical of that. I was just hoping to potentially obtain some assistance in relation to this document's interpretation.

**Mr Farrell**—All we can do is take it on notice.

**Answer:**

It is confirmed that the Operating Profit Before Tax of the Mining industry in 2008-09 as shown on page 7 of the *Australian Industry 2008-09* publication (ABS cat. no. 8155.0) is \$63.636 billion.