

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: BET 20

Topic: Carbon price modelling assumptions

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Senator Ryan asked:

In carbon price modelling completed by the government on the impact of an emissions trading scheme have any of the following assumptions been used to make projections of the economic impact of the scheme:

- a) That other countries will have an equivalent carbon tax? And if so, which countries?
- b) That other countries will have an equivalent emissions trading scheme? And if so, which countries?
- c) That carbon emitters will be able to buy abatements overseas?
- d) That there will be no job losses in any sector through the introduction of this carbon price in Australia?
- e) That there will be international carbon trading? If so, with which countries?
- f) That there will not be international carbon trading?
- g) That there will be carbon trading through an international emissions trading scheme? If so, with which countries?
- h) That there will be international carbon trading through the Clean Development Mechanism of the UNFCCC? If so, with which countries?
- i) That there will be international carbon trading outside of the Clean Development Mechanism of the UNFCCC? If so, with which possible countries?
- j) That other countries will have a carbon price through a carbon tax? If so, what prices are being used for each country?
- k) That other countries will have a carbon price through an emissions trading scheme? If so, what prices are being used for each country?
- l) That there will be a new international treaty to cut carbon emissions? If so, which countries will be affected by it and/or have ratified it?

Answer:

See answer to BET 21.