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Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thank you, Ms Quinn. Lastly, can I just ask: the government has stated—Mr Combet and Mr Swan in their 23 March joint media release—that it is the government's intention to release modelling upon its completion. This is probably more a question for the minister. Can we have some certainty that 'upon its completion' means upon its completion and provision to government in the multiparty committee and not, as has become the case with the Productivity Commission report, that it is completed and handed to government and we do not know when we will actually see it?

Senator Wong: Senator, that PC report was provided yesterday, and you are already making those sorts of assertions. I do not have anything to add to what the relevant ministers have already said. But, if there is anything further that I can assist you with, I will take the question on notice and get back to you.

Answer:

The government has undertaken modelling and released the results in *Strong growth, low pollution: modelling a carbon price*.