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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Abetz asked:

Senator ABETZ: All right. We have identified the building and construction sector with a view to moving on to the cleaning sector. Do we have a third one in mind—another sector—or do we think that would pull it up?

Mr Heferen: As I understand the measure in BP2, there will be consultation. The government will also consult publicly on options to introduce a similar reporting regime for payments as to contracts in the commercial cleaning industry.

Senator ABETZ: That is right.

Mr Heferen: That is the only one highlighted.

Senator ABETZ: So the only one highlighted. I am interested in the ones that might not be highlighted but might expect a similar regime.

Senator Sherry: Well, there is nothing beyond what has been publicly announced. I am happy to take it on notice and see if there is anything else.

Senator ABETZ: Thank you. It was publicly announced as well that there had been a carbon tax. It was publicly announced that we would not make life difficult for self-employed working people. Anyway, we shall see what comes out of it. If I may, I will hand over to Senator Ryan.

Answer:

The above question has been answered as part of BET 46.