Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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TOPIC: CRUDE OIL EXCISE REVENUE FOREGONE

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Senator O'Brien asked about:

In February 2004, Mr Hartwell told the committee that crude oil excise changes in 2001 had resulted in foregone revenue of \$140 million between July 2001 and February 2004. I would like to find out what the value of foregone revenue between February 2004 and the present time is.

ANSWER

The reduction in production taxation over the period from February 2004 to June 2005 (due to the excise rate revisions of 2001 to encourage oil exploration and production) is estimated to be \$90 million. Therefore, the total production taxation foregone from 2001-02 to 2004-05 is estimated to be \$230 million, with excise collected over this period being \$1.5 billion.