

QUESTION No.SBI-42

Senator Webber asked:

There seems to be some argument in the scientific community about the long term viability of geosequestration projects. Who will Ausindustry be consulting to determine scientific validity? Will it be internal or external to the agency?

ANSWER

Refer to response to Question No. SBI-41 (above).

QUESTION No.SBI-43

Senator Webber asked:

Given that the project must be commercially viable in the period 2020 to 2030 what happens when a project fails in its ability to be commercialised?

ANSWER

The objective of the LETDF is the demonstration of the commercial potential of new technologies or processes. Commercialisation failure, while not expected, would not be penalised. A key element of the Fund's framework is the two for one private/public funding ratio, which encourages investment decisions based on market-driven criteria and realistic assessments of commercial viability.

QUESTION No.SBI-44

Senator Webber asked:

Is it possible that money can be allocated under the LETDF and then simply fail in the commercialisation test?

ANSWER

See answer to Question SBI-43 above.

QUESTION No.SBI-45

Senator Webber asked:

The guidelines state that a joint venture would not be acceptable. How will you treat an application for a particular project that may have multiple partners? In the case of resource projects that may involve a single field with many partners – will the application be considered?

ANSWER

The statement that joint ventures are not acceptable is incorrect – applications for projects involving multiple partners are welcome. Customers may apply through an incorporated joint venture company, which needs to satisfy the eligibility criteria. Alternatively, one member of a group of companies may apply, on behalf of the group, for funding to undertake a project. That member must satisfy the eligibility criteria.