

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: sbt 60

Topic: Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme – Transmission Costs

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Senator XENOPHON asked:

Senator XENOPHON —So would that be in the order of about \$1 million to \$1.5 million per kilometre of transmission?

Ms Quinn —I do not have the exact numbers. I can take that on notice, if you would like.

Senator XENOPHON —Please take that on notice.

Answer:

The cost of transmission in the electricity generation sector is assumed to vary depending on the load that the transmission line is to bear, which will vary from plant to plant and region to region. As a consequence it is not possible to provide a per kilometre cost for construction of a general transmission line.