

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: Frontier Economics Modelling**

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**Senator XENOPHON asked:**

**Senator XENOPHON**—Given that the people behind Frontier Economics were responsible for designing the first mandatory emissions trading scheme for the New South Wales Government, the GGAS scheme about 10 years ago, and implementing it and that they have done this modelling in relation to what is clearly the most important environmental and economic debate we have had in terms of an emissions trading scheme, why is it that the government will not allow Frontier to have a direct meeting with Treasury and its modellers to thrash out what differences they see in terms of their respective modelling of such an important debate?

**Senator Sherry**—I will put that issue to the Treasurer, and I will take it on notice in doing that.

**Answer:**

Treasury has no record of a request to meet Frontier Economics after the release of the Frontier August 2009 report.