

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Retooling for Climate Change

**REFERENCE:** Written Question—Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** SI-25

During the election, the Government committed to \$3 million for Simplot in North West Tasmania to be funded out of the Retooling for Climate Change program. When will this funding be delivered?

What agreement, if any, has been formed with Simplot for the delivery of the funding?

What measures will this \$3 million fund?

What conditions will be placed on the funding?

What meetings, discussions or correspondence has the Department been involved with regarding this project?

What targets or KPIs will be placed on this project?

**ANSWER**

Funding will be delivered over two years in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

There is no agreement at this time (as at 9 November 2010).

It will assist the upgrade of the coal-fired Simplot vegetable processing plant in Ulverstone, North West Tasmania, to natural gas.

The conditions will be negotiated and will be subject to a funding agreement. Negotiations had not commenced as at 9 November 2010.

Department officials and company representatives discussed the project at a site meeting in May 2010. Correspondence on the detail of the project was exchanged in October 2010.

These will be negotiated as part of the funding agreement process.