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Question No: SBT 626

Topic: Carbon Tax – Food and Grocery Industry

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Senator Bushby asked:

626. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the food and grocery industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation?

If so, what were the results of that assessment?

Answer:

The Strong growth low pollution: modelling a carbon price report includes modelling of the impact of carbon pricing on the food and grocery industry which incorporates assistance to eligible industries through the Job and Competitiveness Program.

Eligible manufacturers in the food and grocery industry may be able to obtain assistance through the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program which was not incorporated in Treasury modelling.

Treasury modelling estimates that under carbon pricing, the meat products industry and the other food manufacturing industry grow by 137 and 108 per cent respectively to 2050.