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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: 845 - 846

Topic: release of the GTEM modelling

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Senator Cormann asked:

Senator BOSWELL: My point of order is that Senator Cormann has raised a distinct question: will the GTEM model be released or will it not? The minister is giving us a lecture on what our leader says, telling us we are not interested in getting information and that it will not change our mind. The question is: will she release the GTEM model or will she not?

CHAIR: On the point of order, Senator Cormann has asked the minister an exact question. The minister is entitled, as you well know, to answer the question in any way she may choose. She is directly responding to the question asked by Senator Cormann. That is my ruling.

Senator Wong: I again make my point that an enormous amount of data has been released. In relation to the further request of the Treasurer, I will take that matter on notice and refer it to the Treasurer.

Senator CORMANN: Can I just clarify what you are taking on notice for the Treasurer?

Senator Wong: Your request.

Senator CORMANN: Which one is that?

Senator Wong: I will refer back to the *Hansard*.

Senator CORMANN: So you are not in a position to say today whether the government will release the GTEM code?

Senator Wong: I am taking the question on notice and I will refer it to the Treasurer.

Senator CORMANN: Will you also take on notice whether the government will release all of the other details of the GTEM model that have been used for its *Strong growth, low pollution* report, including the code, database, exogenous assumptions and software of the GTEM model and so on?

Senator Wong: I will take that on notice

Answer:

The Government has no plan to release the GTEM model at the current time.