

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearing 26 May - 27 May 2008



Question: PM160a

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Proposed \$2.5 billion excise on condensate

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Cormann asked: Has the Prime Minister and/or the department received any written representations in relation to the proposed \$2.5 billion imposition of excise on condensate produced offshore by the North West Shelf Joint Venture?

Answer: Yes

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Question: PM160b

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Representations relating to the proposed \$2.5 billion imposition of excise on condensate produced offshore by the North West Shelf Joint Venture

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Cormann asked: What was the content of those representations?

Answer: They expressed opposition to the government's decision to remove the exemption of condensate from crude oil excise, effective from midnight on 13 May 2008.

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Question: PM160c

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Excise on condensate produced offshore by the North West Shelf Joint Venture

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Cormann asked: Will a copy of those written representations be made publicly available?

Answer: No

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Question: PM160d

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Action taken by Prime Minister or PMC relating to representations received regarding excise on condensate produced offshore by the North West

Shelf Joint Venture

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Cormann asked: What action, if any, has been taken by the Prime Minister and/or the Department as a result of those representations?

Answer: The Department provided draft replies to the correspondence received to the Prime Minister's Office.