

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Climate Change
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Topic: Number of meetings with Griffin Energy

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Question: (Senator Cash)

Senator CASH—Thank you for that. I would like to turn now to an area which affects my home state of Western Australia: Griffin Energy. Have members of your department, or have you yourself, Minister, met with Griffin Energy in relation to the CPRS?

Mr Sterland—Yes.

Senator CASH—You have? And on how many occasions do you believe you have met with them?

Mr Sterland—I would have to take that on notice. It has been one of my staff who has been primarily involved with the energy sector and who may have met them in both bilateral meetings or in industry meetings at times, so it would be better to be accurate on that. But it would be, I think, a number of times.

Answer:

The Department has met with representatives of the Griffin Group at least four times to discuss the CPRS, including on the following dates:

20 February 2008

26 November 2008

4 February 2009

17 June 2009

Meetings between the Minister and industry are conducted with the expectation that the privacy of the meeting will be respected.