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Senator: Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN: I appreciate that. Dr English, back in February 2011 was there any discussion at the officials meetings about the MRRT and any plans the state government of Western Australia might have had about increasing their royalties on iron ore finds?

Dr English: In the lead-up to COAG, do you mean?

Senator CORMANN: In the lead-up or around the COAG meeting?around about that time.

Dr English: I would need to check the record but my recollection is that there was no discussion in the COAG context, in those COAG meetings, about the WA approach to those finds royalties.

Answer:

The department is not aware of any discussions in the COAG context regarding the Western Australian Government’s intention to increase their royalties on iron ore fines.