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Senator: Abetz

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Question:

Senator ABETZ: ... How many public servants in PM&C are advising the government on climate change and the carbon pricing mechanism?

Mr Lewis: We will just get another officer to the table, Paul Schreier. I am advised that it is five, Senator.

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Senator ABETZ: How many of these five people have science degrees or equivalent type degrees?

Dr Schreier: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The task of advising the Government on climate change policy, including the carbon pricing mechanism, requires knowledge and skills across a range of disciplines. Currently, two of the five officers of the Climate Change section have science degrees or the equivalent.