<u>Development of Australia's response to the G20 commitment:</u>

- 1. The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (RET) lead a working group to develop Australia's response to the G20 commitment. DCC, DFAT, Department of Industry, PMC, RET were represented on the working group.
- 2. RET was also nominated as the expert on the G20 Energy Experts Working Group which was charged with delivering a G20 response.

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- 7. Australia subsequently submitted a holding response (drafted by PMC) indicating our support for the G10 commitment and that the process for determining whether measures fell within scope was ongoing.
- 8. Treasury subsequently drafted Australia's final response to the G20, consulting internally and with RET and PMC. Our response indicated we had no measures within scope of the commitment.

<u>Previous Senate Estimates and Senate Requests</u>

Senate Motion

1. On 15 June 2010, Senator Christine Milne gave notice that on the next sitting day she would move to require the Government to present to the Senate any of the documentation provided to the Busan (5-6 June 2010) Finance Ministers Meeting in response to the commitment to phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.

- The Government did not submit any documents on this commitment at this meeting.
- 2. Through June and July, including in Senate Estimates and during question time, Senator Milne asked a number of questions on the G20 commitment. Her focus was on the definition of a fossil fuel subsidy being used; the timeline for implementing the commitment; and the analysis done by Treasury to develop our response.