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Subject: RE: ABC enquiry [SEC D]
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The G20 and Indirect Tax Unit have prepared the following responses to the questions you have requested, with manager and SES approval.

Q1) Could you please confirm what Australia's response to the G20 fossil fuel subsidy agreement at the 2009 Pittsburgh summit was? I would also like to know when the official response was submitted.

- In response to the G20's commitment to rationalizing and phasing out inefficient fossil fuel subsidy, Australia provided its submission in early June 2010 for consideration by G20 Leaders at the Toronto Summit. Country submissions (including that of Australia) are publicly available on the G20 website at:

http://www.g20.org/Documents2010/expert/Annexes_of_Report_to_Leaders_G20_Inefficient_Fossil_Fuel_Subsidies.pdf

Q2) Are there any measures in the Australian taxation system that encourage the use of fossil fuels?

- As indicated in Annex 1 of the document (hyperlinked), Australia has no inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.

Regards

From: Media Liaison
Sent: Thursday, 12 May 2011 5:32 PM
To:
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Subject: FW: ABC enquiry [SEC=

Hi and

Please see the media enquiry below, noting the deadline.

Please provide a written response to media liaison and approved by a SES Officer.

Thanks,

Communications Unit

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From:
Sent: Thursday, 12 May 2011 5:07 PM
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Good afternoon,

I'm working on a story for tomorrow's PM program on ABC radio on fossil fuel subsidies.

- Could you please confirm what Australia's response to the G20 fossil fuel subsidy agreement at the 2009 Pittsburgh summit was? I would also like to know when the official response was submitted.

- Are there any measures in the Australian taxation system that encourage the use of fossil fuels?

It'd be great if I could get a response by 3pm tomorrow.

Regards,

ABC



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