•	RE: fossil fuel subsidies - NGO enquiry [SEC Tuesday, 30 August 2011 11:07:38 AM
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Thank you . Below is our response. Please send this to **Section 47F** s work email). I have left out the signature at the end for you to determine what to use.

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Thank you again for your help.

Cheers,

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## Dear Section 47F

Thank you for your interest in the fossil fuel subsidy issues in the G20 context. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has forwarded me your contact details and asked me to respond to you in this regard. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

In terms of your concern regarding Australia's position on fossil fuel subsidies at the G20, I would like to assure you that Australia supports the commitments made by the G20 Leaders to rationalise inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption.

Australia has met its responsibilities under the G20 commitment to rationalise or eliminate inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption. The Australian Government undertook a thorough and considered process in relation to this commitment and determined that it does not have any fossil fuel subsidies that fall into its scope. Six other G20 members – Japan, France, Brazil, UK, Saudi Arabia and South Africa – also determined they had no measures within scope of the commitment.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you. If you have any further enquiries, please write to us at <u>department@treasury.gov.au</u>.

## [Signature]

From: Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2011 10:48 AM To: Subject: RE: fossil fuel subsidies - NGO enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi

The email address would be <u>department@treasury.gov.au</u>. If you have the response ready, I can send it directly from that address too. Hope this helps.

Kind regards

From: Sent: Monday, 15 August 2011 4:14 PM To: Cc: Subject: FW: fossil fuel subsidies - NGO enquiry [SEC

Hi

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As discussed, here is the email we received from DFAT. n 47F as also contacted someone in Treasury (who is a friend of her) seeking for the same information. Grateful if you could advise us how to handle this kind of enquiry.

Regards,

From: Sent: Friday, 29 July 2011 10:14 AM To: Cc: Subject: fossil fuel subsidies - NGO enquiry [SEC=

Morning everyone,

Hope everyone is loving these crisp canberra mornings.

Just following up on a phone discussion I had with<br/>from Section 47F from the International Institute for Sustainable Development<br/>(<a href="http://www.iisd.org/about/">http://www.iisd.org/about/</a>)We received a call this morning<br/>Development(<a href="http://www.iisd.org/about/">http://www.iisd.org/about/</a>)Section 47F

She said she is interested to speak with someone who works on the fossil fuels subsidies issues in the G20 context. She said she had heard from other environmental NGOs (no further details) that Australia was 'holding up progress' on this issue, so she was trying to figure out if this was the case or not, as she didn't seem to believe that this would be correct.

Her contact details are Section 47F

I said that I'd identify the appropriate agency for her to speak to. Grateful if you could get back to her in due course.

regards

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