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To: Section 47F
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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 department@treasury.gov.au.

Kind regards

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