



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
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Inquiry into Renewable Energy Innovation in the ACT
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Hearings of 17 June 2021

Asked by Ms Castley MLA:

In relation to: Interaction with embassies (Page 97 Proof Transcript)

MS CASTLEY: On page 11 of your submission, you say:

The SEC has seen the opportunity through this platform to mentor export opportunities for businesses and provide almost direct connections to countries through Canberra's unique access to embassies in the ACT.

Can you explain that, break it down a bit for me?

Mr McGlynn: Sorry, which page?

MS CASTLEY: It is at the top of page 11:

The SEC has seen the opportunity through this platform to mentor export opportunities for businesses and provide almost direct connections to countries through Canberra's unique access to embassies in the ACT.

What is the outcome of that? What does that mean?

Mr McGlynn: I can't find it here. I do not know what the word "almost" means; that throws me too. It might have been a typo; I can't tell. I think it is just referring to the fact that, as the capital, we have embassies from all around the world; they are interested in things; and we have interactions with them. I would have to go back to some of the specifics, but I know that, for example, a number of embassies are very interested in our hydrogen refuelling station. They want to see how that progresses and are now interested in buying hydrogen vehicles to use themselves because they want to either have that experience or get that experience to bring back to their countries.

MS CASTLEY: Which embassies? Do you know, off the top of your head?

Mr McGlynn: I will get the countries wrong and they will hate me for that, so I will take it on notice.



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CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Renewables Innovation Hub (the Hub) aims to provide support for ACT businesses in the renewables industry sector including opportunities to pursue pathways towards international trade and the *Global Opportunities for Local Renewable Businesses* initiative.

The initiative is split into two phases summarised below. The initiative is currently in phase 1.

Phase 1:

Conduct research within the ACT renewables ecosystem to ascertain the export ready status of the ACT renewables industry and produce a primary conclusions report.

Phase 2:

Coordinate an event to present the results from phase 1 and invite further businesses to join the initiative. With support from Austrade, provide businesses in the ACT renewables industry with an overview of the tools, partners and pathways to international trade.

Hydrogen Refuelling Station

In regard to your query on which embassies visited the ActewAGL Hydrogen Refuelling Station in Fyshwick. There has been significant interest shown in the facility and the fleet vehicles due to the advent of hydrogen-based technology in tackling climate change around the globe.

Dignitaries that have visited the station either at launch or during subsequent tours include:

- His Excellency Mr Jeong-Sik Kang, Ambassador of Korea
- His Excellency Dr Michael Pulch, Ambassador of the European Union
- His Excellency Mr Wolfgang Lukas Strohmayer, Ambassador of Austria
- Her Excellency Ms Pernille Dahler Kardel, Ambassador of Denmark
- His Excellency Mr Pedro Zwahlen, Ambassador of Switzerland

The ACT Government has received positive feedback from these tours and dignitaries have been positive about the opportunities green hydrogen represents for reducing transport emissions.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister Climate Action, Andrew Barr