



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Inquiry: Inquiry into the closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn power stations

Hearing Date: 16 February 2022

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Amogh Ananth

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Question asked.

I am just curious in that you mentioned this incredible amount of money that was a compensatory package to these power companies. I am just curious: those amounts of money that were compensation, were they tied through legislation to retraining of workers transitioning into other industries or renewable power generation, or did an amount of that money then have to be dedicated strictly to payouts for people who were wanting to retire? Or was it just simply, 'Here's an enormous amount of money as a power company. Thanks for doing what you've done over the years, but see you later', and were the workers left hung out to dry? I am just curious how that all worked. If it was that there were certain amounts dedicated to retraining and transition, what was the success rate around that? Do you know, or was that not really covered in your research?

Response:

This was not really covered in my research.

