Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee

Inquiry into the Green Loans Program

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

> Answers to questions on notice June 2010

Question No: 6

Topic: PwC external audit of

assessor accreditation

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Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—I will put the request on notice here: could you please provide the committee with a copy of the report. The PwC external audit of the assessor accreditation process et cetera was due to conclude shortly back in April. Has it been concluded?

Answer:

The report, Compliance activities – Household Sustainability Assessment Scheme Assessor Accrediting Organisations, prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers, has not yet been finalised.

The Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA) provided comment on the draft report in June 2010. The Department provided comments on the draft report in early July 2010. The Department has not yet accepted a final report from PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The report is expected to be finalised in the coming weeks.