

Dear Sir/ Madam

Please find below our response to 'questions on notice' from the Senate Inquiry Hearing on Carbon Tax Pricing Mechanisms recently held in Melbourne.

How many plants have China closed in the last two years??

Our understanding is there is no official source of data available to answer this question. However, the official capacity replacement rate was 50 million tonnes annum (or approximately 3.0% per cent of annual production in 2009 and 2.7% 2010).

How many new plants are being constructed or have been constructed in China over the last two years?

170 new best practice technology cement kiln lines were built in 2009
203 new best practice technology cement kiln lines were built in 2010.

This means it is likely that around 20% of kilns (by number) are being replaced, however, only 2.7% of production is being changed to new technology kilns each year as mainly small kilns are being replaced.



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