

**Submission to Senate Enquiry:
Rebuttal of Monckton Submission
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Christopher Monckton addresses the Senate as “Gentlemen”. Perhaps he is unaware that women have the vote in this country. Going to the detail of his submission, he is also evidently unaware that MW and MWh are different units, and uses them interchangeably. Why someone so ignorant of absolutely basic physics should represent himself as an expert is a mystery. The whole thrust of his contribution is to point to one section about a UK offshore wind project buried in a lengthy document, which hardly addresses the terms of reference. In any case, his facts are wrong. No one has reported utilisation of this specific wind farm as 26%. This figure may apply to other wind farms but an offshore wind farm should have more consistent wind.

His claim that the CO₂ content of the atmosphere is only increasing linearly is, not to put too fine a point on it, wrong. The chart below shows the 10-year moving average in the increase (data: <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/>) and the increase is increasing linearly as shown by the trend line, exactly as you would expect from an exponential increase.

