

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
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Inquiry into the Energy Efficiency Homes Package

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

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Question No: 1
Topic: Number of meetings
Hansard Page ECA: 9

Senator FISHER asked:

So there were 16 to 30 or so meetings?

Mr Forbes—I have a figure of around the mid-20s in my head, but I will-

Chair—You will confirm that.

Answer:

30 meetings of the Project Control Group were held.

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Question No: 2
Topic: Project plan
Hansard Page ECA: 17

Senator FISHER/BIRMINGHAM asked:

Chair—To whom was the project plan sent? Was it sent to ministers or their offices?

Mr Forbes—No, I do not think it was. I think it was an internal document of the departments.

Chair—Can you confirm that on notice please?

Mr Forbes—I will take that on notice.

...

Senator Birmingham—... Were summaries of the project plan provided to ministers?

Mr Forbes—I do not think so, but again I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department has no record of copies or summaries of the project plan being provided to Minister Garrett or his office.

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Question No: 4
Topic: Board meetings
Hansard Page ECA: 19

Senator BARNETT asked:

Mr Forbes, perhaps you could just take that on notice and provide to the committee further and better particulars regarding the group [task force overseeing the energy efficiency programs] that you referred to: its role, functions and how many meetings it has had. I think you have indicated that that group has now concluded. If that is the case, when was its last meeting?

Mr Forbes—I can do that.

Answer:

An energy efficiency project board was established in late 2009 to provide strategic guidance to the Energy Efficiency Taskforce in relation to the suite of energy efficiency programs managed by the Department. The group was comprised of representatives from across the Department. It met 2-3 times each month, as required. The group last met in February 2010 and no longer exists.

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Question No: 6
Topic: Imports
Hansard Page ECA: 26

Senator BARNETT asked:

This has been a public document since 16 March, and I am assuming that the department would have perused it or seen it. You cannot advise as to whether you consider those estimates [ICANZ, estimate of imported insulation] fair and reasonable?

Answer:

The Department is not in a position to comment on the ICANZ figures.

The Department has previously sought data on the level of imports and found that disaggregated information on glasswool batt imports (the main product installed under the program) is not available. These are classified by both Customs and the Australian Bureau of Statistics in an aggregated form with other glass fibre products. It is not possible to determine which sectors the material could be destined for, nor whether the material was potentially being installed under the Home Insulation Program.

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Question No: 7
Topic: Injured workers
Hansard Page ECA: 27-28

Senator BARNETT asked:

Have you got advice as to how many workers have been injured in the installation of faulty or inappropriately designed insulation?

Answer:

While the Department may from time to time receive anecdotal reports of installer accidents through the call centre, we do not routinely collect statistics on the number of domestic ceiling insulation injuries.

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Question No: 8
Topic: House fires
Hansard Page ECA: 28-29

Senator BARNETT asked:

Mr Thompson—As of 24 March 2010, 120 fires had been linked ... to insulation ...
Senator Barnett—Can you please advise the committee where these house fires were, when they occurred and any further details regarding the house fires?

Answer:

Please refer to the table below for dates and locations of the 120 house fires as at 24 March 2010. Note that in some instances the Department has not been provided with the date of the fire.

Dates & Locations of House Fires – as at 24 March 2010

Suburb	State	Post Code	Incident Date
Curtin	ACT	2605	27/12/2009
Fadden	ACT	2904	19/01/2010
Lyneham	ACT	2602	26/11/2009
North Epping	NSW	2121	12/03/2010
Denistone East	NSW	2112	14/03/2010
Rooty Hill	NSW	2766	30/10/2009
Toongabbie	NSW	2146	1/02/2010
Cranebrook	NSW	2749	27/08/2009
Thornton	NSW	2322	8/12/2009
Wentworthville	NSW	2145	Unknown
Abbotsbury	NSW	2176	5/01/2010
Abbotsbury	NSW	2176	17/02/2010
Macquarie Fields	NSW	2564	12/02/2010
Regents Park	NSW	2143	5/02/2010
Edensor Park	NSW	2176	14/01/2010
Rooty Hill	NSW	2766	7/10/2009
Kings Park	NSW	2148	14/12/2009
Dharruk	NSW	2770	30/11/2009
Bossley Park	NSW	2176	6/10/2009
St Marys	NSW	2760	Unknown
West Pennant Hills	NSW	2125	14/12/2009

Narwee	NSW	2209	9/12/2009
Buff Point	NSW	2262	6/12/2009
St Clair	NSW	2759	25/11/2009
Hebersham	NSW	2770	30/10/2009
Illawong	NSW	2234	12/11/2009
St Clair	NSW	2759	21/11/2009
Greenfield Park	NSW	2176	5/11/2009
Greenfield Park	NSW	2176	31/10/2009
Port Macquarie	NSW	2444	Unknown
Cambridge Park	NSW	2747	16/10/2009
Botany	NSW	2019	23/10/2009
Mt Druitt	NSW	2770	25/10/2009
Bossley Park	NSW	2176	9/11/2009
North Rocks	NSW	2154	27/10/2009
Marsfield	NSW	2122	18/10/2009
North Wahroonga	NSW	2076	24/10/2009
Glendenning	NSW	2761	16/10/2009
Dean Park	NSW	2761	Unknown
Cranebrook	NSW	2749	Unknown
Tahmoor	NSW	2573	19/09/2009
Thornton	NSW	2322	3/08/2009
Marayong	NSW	2148	30/05/2009
Baulkham Hills	NSW	2153	23/08/2009
Hinchinbrook	NSW	2168	26/08/2009
Kyeemagh	NSW	2216	29/09/2009
Rooty Hill	NSW	2766	18/08/2009
Seven Hills	NSW	2147	15/09/2009
Punchbowl	NSW	2196	25/08/2009
Kings Park	NSW	2148	31/07/2009
Beenleigh	QLD	4207	Unknown
Moorooka	QLD	4105	22/12/2009
Aroona	QLD	4551	30/11/2009
Kingston	QLD	4114	15/02/2010
Roma	QLD	4455	15/02/2010
Scarborough	QLD	4020	29/01/2010
Wavell Heights	QLD	4012	18/11/2009
Mount Beppo	QLD	4313	11/12/2009
Arundel	QLD	4214	14/12/2009
Munruben	QLD	4125	12/10/2009
Boondall	QLD	4034	1/11/2009
Alderly	QLD	4051	6/01/2010
Beenleigh	QLD	4207	11/11/2009
Woodridge	QLD	4114	12/12/2009
Wongawallan	QLD	4210	9/06/2009
Cannonvale	QLD	4802	31/07/2009
Carina Heights	QLD	4152	Unknown
Wellington Point	QLD	4160	28/08/2009
Ferny Grove	QLD	4055	4/10/2009
Netley	SA	5037	18/01/2010
Grange	SA	5022	22/12/2009
Clarida	VIC	3169	22/03/2010
Sunbury	VIC	3429	16/02/2010

Watsonia North	VIC	3087	9/03/2010
Caulfield South	VIC	3162	19/03/2010
Ringwood North	VIC	3134	16/03/2010
Lara	VIC	3212	16/02/2010
Werribee	VIC	3030	7/03/2010
Malvern East	VIC	3145	15/03/2010
Lilydale	VIC	3140	13/03/2010
Northcote	VIC	3070	4/03/2010
Altona	VIC	3018	19/11/2009
Tullamarine	VIC	3043	2/02/2010
Broadmeadows	VIC	3047	24/02/2010
Hallam	VIC	3803	22/02/2010
Montmorency	VIC	3094	4/02/2010
Clarinda	VIC	3169	16/02/2010
Ringwood	VIC	3134	13/02/2010
Vermont South	VIC	3133	9/02/2010
Yallambie	VIC	3085	28/01/2010
Mornington	VIC	3931	27/01/2010
Bundoora	VIC	3083	28/01/2010
Cranbourne	VIC	3977	29/01/2010
Narre Warren	VIC	3805	26/01/2010
Corio	VIC	3214	2/12/2009
Doncaster	VIC	3108	13/01/2010
Lower Templestowe	VIC	3107	17/01/2010
Albanvale	VIC	3021	30/10/2009
Sunshine West	VIC	3020	11/01/2010
St Albans	VIC	3021	17/12/2009
Heidelberg West	VIC	3081	Unknown
St Albans	VIC	3021	1/12/2009
Broadmeadows	VIC	3047	25/11/2009
Noble Park North	VIC	3174	21/11/2009
Cranbourne	VIC	3977	5/11/2009
Coolaroo	VIC	3048	7/11/2009
Dallas	VIC	3047	11/11/2009
Fawkner	VIC	3060	10/11/2009
Kings Park	VIC	3021	10/11/2009
Keysborough	VIC	3173	13/10/2009
Keysborough	VIC	3173	25/09/2009
Noble Park North	VIC	3174	4/10/2009
Boronia	VIC	3155	1/08/2009
Frankston	VIC	3199	21/08/2009
St Albans	VIC	3021	26/08/2009
Mill Park	VIC	3082	5/08/2009
Springvale	VIC	3171	12/09/2009
Greensborough	VIC	3088	Unknown
Morley	WA	6062	25/02/2010
Marangaroo	WA	6064	1/02/2010

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Question No: 9
Topic: House fires
Hansard Page ECA: 30

Senator BARNETT asked:

Do you stand in any way liable or implicated as a result of the house fires or do you deny liability entirely?... I am asking: is the department or the government in any way liable for the house fires?

Answer:

Please refer to the response to Question 14 from the February hearings.

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Question No: 10
Topic: Claims for compensation
Hansard Page ECA: 30-31

Senator BARNETT asked:

Have you received communications from any of the families or other affected by the house fires, or indeed from the families affected by the tragic accidents and the deaths, requesting compensation, ex gratia payment or consideration by the Commonwealth to refund those costs? ... Can you take it on notice?

Answer:

The Department has received a notice of claim from a householder in relation to an installation carried out under the Home Insulation Program.

Given a claim has been lodged it would not be appropriate to comment further.

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Question No: 11
Topic: Industry consultation
Hansard Page ECA: 35-36

Senator FISHER asked:

Can you then please provide on notice the map of the intended consultation—for example, with the likes of Dr Silberberg—through the tentacles of that group of three, [Silberberg reference group] into each and every other component of industry or otherwise to be affected by the REB Scheme, based on the experience and lessons from the HIP.

Mr Bowles—Yes, I can take that on notice. ... and I will take on notice the types of groups that they are consulting with.

Answer:

Dr Ron Silberberg (former Managing Director of the Housing Industry Association), Mr Peter Tighe (National Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union) and Mr Tony Arnel (Victoria's Building and Plumbing Commissioner and Chair of the Green Building Council of Australia) have been engaged by the Department to provide independent advice and assessment on the arrangements for the insulation component of the Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme.

The group is currently undertaking consultation with a range of industry groups (including the groups listed at Attachment A).

ATTACHMENT A

Industry consultations

NSW

Organisation
PIMA
ACIMA
ICANZ
Advance Fibre Technologies Australia
Patnicar PTY LTD
NSW Insulation PTY
NECA

QLD

Organisation
Thor Building Products
Raynham Industries
The One Stop Shop
MEA

VIC

Organisation
Origin Training Solutions
PIMA

WA

Organisation
AGI Insulation
AFIA
Install Assist

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Question No: 12
Topic: Briefings for Minister Arbib
Hansard Page ECA: 40

Senator FISHER asked:

Does that mean there were occasions or there could have been occasions upon which officers of your department provided advice first to Minister Arbib rather than to Minister Garrett? ... Can you take that question on notice?

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 13
Topic: Household energy bills
Hansard Page ECA: 41

Senator BARNETT asked:

Ms Kruk, can you please take on notice and provide the evidence that you rely on [to support the claim that households which installed insulation would save \$200 per year on household energy bills]?

Answer:

Please refer to the response to Question 60 from the February hearings.

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Question No: 14
Topic: REBS risk assessment
Hansard Page ECA: 43

Senator Fisher asked:

... You have indicated that the REB will have a risk assessment done. I asked, 'Will it be done?' You have said, 'Yes.' Can you provide—on notice, I am afraid, given the time frame available—some details around that please. Can you tell us who will be undertaking that risk assessment, when they will undertake it, over what period, how it will be undertaken, to whom it will be provided and at what stages.

Mr Bowles—Can I just say that we are in the process of developing the rebate scheme. We can take it on notice but we will not meet a time frame because we will make sure we work through all of the issues that we need to. We will have to take on board the advice of Dr Hawke, Messrs Silberberg, Arnel and Tighe in relation to how we want to actually structure a rebate scheme going forward. We will definitely undertake risk assessments. We will definitely undertake a whole range of activities in order to develop the program. As we get to that point we can make that available.

Answer:

On 22 April 2010 Minister Combet announced that the Government would not proceed with an insulation rebate scheme under the Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme.

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Question No: 15
Topic: Correspondence with the PM
Hansard Page ECA: 47-48

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Was the correspondence [from Minister Garrett to the Prime Minister dated 14 August, 27 August, 28 October and 30 October] drafted by the department? ...If they were provided to cabinet or a cabinet subcommittee, when were they provided? By whom were they provided? Was it part of a briefing on the program?

Answer:

The Minister wrote to the Prime Minister on several occasions in relation to changes associated with the Home Insulation Program. As these communications are of a Cabinet-in-Confidence nature, it would not be appropriate to disclose the details.

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Question No: 16
Topic: Stimulus package
Hansard Page ECA: 51-52

Senator Birmingham asked:

... Ms Kruk, accepting that it predates you, could you take on notice what that process was, when the department was asked to provide ideas for the stimulus package, what model was presented for it, what process was put in place to finesse that model prior to the announcement of the stimulus package and what engagement the department had in the final announcement of that model that was part of the stimulus package?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was the lead agency in the development of the stimulus package. Questions about the process leading to the announcement of the package would be more appropriately referred to that agency.

Along with other departments, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts contributed to the development of the package and the consideration of models as they related to the Energy Efficient Homes component.

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Question No: 17
Topic: Legal advice
Hansard Page ECA: Written

Senator Fisher asked:

In respect of each answer to each of question on notice numbers 14, 15, 16 and 90 please detail the basis upon which DEWHA seeks to rely upon 'legal professional privilege' as a ground for declining to answer part or all of the respective question.

Answer:

With respect to answers to Questions 14, 15, 16 and 90, the Department considers that these advices are subject to legal professional privilege and disclosure of the advice may prejudice the Commonwealth's legal position in the event of future legal proceedings.

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Question No: 18
Topic: Complaint categories
Hansard Page ECA: Written

Senator BARNETT asked:

Further to the answer to question on notice number 49, provided the day after the Department's appearance before the Inquiry on 25 March, please itemise the number of the total complaints which fall under each category listed in the relevant answer.

Answer:

The list of complaint categories provided in the response to the Question on Notice Number 49 is indicative of the nature of complaints received. As at 21 February 2010, the number of complaints against each of those categories was as follows:

Nature of Complaints	Number of complaints
Installer practice/behaviour	1,712
Compliance/work standard	721
Payment	175
Program structure/Guidelines	225
Incorrect advice	16
Whistle blowing	28
Fraud tip off	2,029
Safety issues	441

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Question No: 19
Topic: Project Control Group
Hansard Page ECA: Written

Senator FISHER asked:

Further to the answer to Question on Notice number 35 provided after the Department's appearance before the Inquiry on 25 March, please:

1. List the name of each and every person who attended part or all of all or any meeting/s of the PCG;
2. The date/s of the meeting/s each person so-named, attended;
3. Explain why the names of departments/organisations, rather than the names of persons, were provided in answer to the original Question on Notice number 35.

Answer:

Meeting date	Attendees
08/04/2009	Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Ross Carter (DEWHA SES), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Peter Woods (DEWHA SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Leonie Whiting (Medicare), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Simon Cox (PM&C), Peter Cornish (Centrelink) Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: David Hoitink, William Kimber, Lily Viertmann, Aaron Hughes, Sascha Kaminski, Robert King, Andrew Wilson), Jack Holden (KPMG)
16/04/2009	Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Ross Carter (Deputy Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Leonie Whiting (Medicare), Phillipa Godwin (Medicare), Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Tracey Bell Aaron Hughes, David Hoitink, Beth Riordan, Al Blake, Simon Cox), Peter Gamell (Everything Infrastructure)
23/04/2009	Ross Carter (Acting Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Leonie Whiting (Medicare), Rona Mellor (Medicare), Michael Dupe (DHS), Melissa McEwen (DEEWR) Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Aaron Hughes, David Hoitink, William Kimber, Simon Cox, Tracey Bell), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure)

01/05/2009	Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Peter Woods (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffmann (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Phillipa Godwin (Medicare), Leonie Whiting (Medicare), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Melissa McEwen (DEEWR), Derik Stiller (DEEWR), Steve Goodwin (DEEWR) Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Robert King, Suzanne Muir, David Hoitink, Aaron Hughes, William Kimber, Tracey Bell), Peter Gemell and Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure)
08/05/2009	Ross Carter (Acting Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Peter Woods (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffmann (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Rona Mellor (Medicare), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Melissa McEwen (DEEWR) Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Robert King, Adam Lyddiard, Aaron Hughes, William Kimber, Greg Lemmon, Tracey Bell), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure)
14/05/2009	Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Ross Carter (DEWHA SES), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Peter Woods (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffmann (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Rona Mellor (Medicare), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Melissa McEwen (DEEWR) Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: William Kimber, Greg Lemmon, David Hoitink, Robert King, Sascha Kaminski, Avril Kent, Aaron Hughes, Tracey Bell), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure)
21/05/2009	Ross Carter (Acting Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Rona Mellor (Medicare), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Lynne O'Brien (Medicare), Michael Gray (DEEWR), Justin Keenan (DHS), Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Aaron Hughes, Avril Kent, William Kimber, Greg Lemmon, Sascha Kaminski, David Hoitink, Ross Davidson, Tracey Bell, Harry Zevon, Margaret Gray, Robert King, Erin Tucker), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure)
29/05/2009	Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Rona Mellor (Medicare), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Melissa McEwen (DEEWR), Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Avril Kent, William Kimber, Greg Lemmon, Sascha Kaminski, David Hoitink, Tracey Bell, Harry Zevon, Laurence Wilson, Margaret Gray, Robert King, Juliana Marconi), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting Consulting)

04/06/2009	<p>Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Ross Carter (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Melissa McEwen (DEEWR), Margaret Kidd (DEEWR)</p> <p>Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Aaron Hughes, Avril Kent, William Kimber, David Hoitink, Tracey Bell, John Wyett, Margaret Gray, Robert King, Juliana Marconi, Jane Spence, Amanda Murray-Pearce, Karen Dempsey), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting Consulting), Graeme Waters (Ernst & Young)</p>
18/06/2009	<p>Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Ross Carter (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Peter Woods (DEWHA SES), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Michael Gray (DEEWR)</p> <p>Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Aaron Hughes, Avril Kent, William Kimber, David Hoitink, Greg Lemmon, Ross Davidson, Sascha Kaminski, Nolan Nott, Margaret Gray, Robert King, Harry Zevon, Juliana Marconi, Laurence Wilson), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting)</p>
25/06/2009	<p>Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Ross Carter (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Michael Gray (DEEWR)</p> <p>Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Aaron Hughes, Al Blake, Avril Kent, William Kimber, Grant Pink, David Hoitink, Sascha Kaminski, Tracey Bell, Margaret Gray, Nolan Nott, Harry Zevon, Juliana Marconi, John Wyett), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting), Kylie Ch'ng (Protiviti)</p>
02/07/2009	<p>Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Kevin Keeffe (DEWHA SES), Ross Carter (DEWHA SES), Al Blake (DEWHA A/g SES), Lily Viertmann (DEWHA SES), Martin Hoffman (PM&C), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Michael Gray (DEEWR),</p> <p>Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Aaron Hughes, Avril Kent, William Kimber, Grant Pink, David Hoitink, Sascha Kaminski, Greg Lemmon, Tracey Bell, Margaret Gray, Nolan Nott, Harry Zevon, Robert King, John Wyatt, Samantha Kortt), Janine Leake, (Everything Infrastructure), Margaret Coaldrake (Minter Ellison Consulting Consulting), Kylie Ch'ng (Protiviti)</p>
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01/10/2009	<p>Malcolm Forbes (Chair), Avril Kent (DEWHA A/g SES), Peter Woods (DEWHA SES), Hilton Taylor (DEWHA SES), Craig Downsborough (PM&C), Jacqui Hughes (Medicare), Penny Ireland (DEEWR)</p> <p>Observers: (Other DEWHA staff: Kathy Belka, David Hoitink, Ross Davidson, John Wyett, Sue Taylor, Gary Williams, Mali Stanton, Jo Beath, Robert King, Gail Kingston), Margaret Coaldrake (Langdale Consulting), Kylie Ch'ng (Protiviti), Janine Leake (Everything Infrastructure), Patrick Kevin (Pricewaterhouse Coopers)</p>
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Question on Notice 35 did not specifically ask for PCG members to be individually named.

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Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio
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Question No: 20
Topic: Grants under the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters (LEAPR)
Hansard Page ECA: Written

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

How many grants were made under the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters while the maximum rebate was \$500? For what dates was the maximum payment of \$500 available? What was the average size of grant paid during this time? On what basis was the maximum payment set at \$500? What evidence was the department provided with to support setting the maximum payment at \$500?

Answer:

No grants were made under the Low Emissions Assistance Plan for Renters while the maximum rebate was \$500. The maximum payment of \$500 was announced in the 2008/2009 budget; however, due to the Government's introduction of the Energy Efficient Homes Package under the *Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan*, the Low Emissions Assistance Plan for Renters was rolled into the Energy Efficient Homes Package as the Low Emission Plan for Renters.

Industry provided advice to the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts that a range of factors affect the cost of installing ceiling insulation in Australian homes.

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March 2010

Question No: 21
Topic: Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters
Hansard Page ECA: Written

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

How many grants were made under the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters while the maximum rebate was \$1,000? For what dates was the maximum payment of \$1,000 available? What was the average size of grant paid during this time? On what basis was the maximum payment set at \$1,000? What evidence was the department provided with to support setting the maximum payment at \$1,000?

Answer:

The maximum payment under the Low Emissions Assistance Plan for Renters of \$500 was announced in the 2008/2009 budget; however, due to the Government's introduction of the Energy Efficient Homes Package under the *Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan*, the Low Emissions Assistance Plan for Renters was rolled into the Energy Efficient Homes Package as the Low Emission Plan for Renters.

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