

**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Wind farms and human health

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Does the NHMRC believe there is evidence that was missed in their “comprehensive review”?

**Answer:**

No, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is not aware of any evidence published before the cut-off date of 7 May 2014 and within the specific inclusion criteria that was missed in the comprehensive independent review on wind farms and human health.

NHMRC commissioned the comprehensive independent review to inform the *Information Paper: Evidence on Wind Farms and Human Health*, capturing evidence published up to October 2012. Following public consultation on the Draft Information Paper, the independent review was updated to capture additional evidence up to 7 May 2014. The review followed internationally recognised systematic review methods to ensure that all the relevant scientific evidence was identified and assessed.

To help ensure that new and emerging evidence was considered, NHMRC also called for public submissions of relevant literature for inclusion in the independent review during September 2012 and again during public consultation from 24 February to 11 April 2014.