

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012**

**Question: E12-037**

**OUTCOME 1: Population Health**

**Topic:** WIND FARMS – EVIDENCE OF INFRASOUND

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**Senator:** Senator Back

**Question:**

- a) Is the NHMRC aware that NASA reported that modern upwind bladed wind turbines emitted infrasound and low frequency noise in 1989?
- b) Is the NHMRC aware that subsequent acoustic surveys showed the same presence of infrasound eg Van den Berg in 2004?
- c) Is the NHMRC aware that infrasound and low frequency noise have now been measured inside the homes of people with symptoms of adverse health effects by independent acousticians in NSW, SA and Victoria?

**Answer:**

a) – c)

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is undertaking a systematic review of the published literature on wind farms and human health from 1981 onwards which will include the consideration of:

- Published peer reviewed scientific literature;
- Government reports; and
- Other material received during the call for submissions from 27 August to 28 September 2012.

All the articles or reports referred to by Senator Back will be included in the review.