

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

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Senator: Senator Back

Question:

Can the NHMRC explain why the Rapid Review did not contain any of the above references which were available prior to July 2010?

Answer:

The rapid review was performed by National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to gain a snapshot of the then current scientific peer reviewed literature that positively linked "wind farms" or "wind turbines" and any impacts on human health. The references provided by Senator Back did not specifically examine the direct effects of wind turbines on human health rather they examined the impact of noise on health and as such were not identified as a part of the review.