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Senator Back asked:

Senator BACK: Can you give us, again on notice if you need to, the number of instances in which you have investigated those complaints and found them to be accurate, and therefore the operator has been operating outside the conditions of approval for their operations.

Mr Williamson: Yes. What I can advise in relation to those questions is that at this time we have not reached a conclusion confirming that any accredited power station is operating in contravention of any state or local government or territory laws. It is a relatively small number of investigations. I would probably need to take on notice the actual number, but certainly we have not at this stage in those investigations concluded that any accredited power station is operating in contravention of state laws.

Answer:

In the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2014, the Clean Energy Regulator has received a total of four reports pertaining to accredited power stations and alleged non-compliance with state based approval conditions.

The assessment of these four reports has not concluded that any accredited power station is operating in contravention of State legislation.