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Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart asked:

In the outline for outcome 2.1 a key point is encouraging the uptake of renewable energy. Can the Department outline the exact program activity in relation to renewable energy? Can you outline exactly how you intend to achieve this program objective and the total sum allocated to it?

Answer:

The Renewable Energy Target scheme is the primary mechanism for encouraging the uptake of renewable energy. The Government has appointed an expert panel to review and publish a report on the Renewable Energy Target by mid-2014.

The Government has also allocated \$2.1 million over three years to its Solar Towns programme in the 2014-15 Budget in order to support uptake of solar technologies by community groups.