

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 210  
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**Outcome:** Agency  
**Programme:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING FALSE AND MISLEADING INFORMATION  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Madigan asked:**

What penalties would apply to any LRET accredited power station which provides false and misleading information to the CER? Would it be reasonable for the CER to demand that any improperly certificates be returned and monies refunded?

**Answer:**

Sections 137.1 and 137.2 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* create offences for giving false or misleading information or documents. The maximum penalty for a breach of sections 137.1 or 137.2 is imprisonment for 12 months. The application of penalties is a matter for the courts including whether or not certificates must be surrendered to the Clean Energy Regulator.