

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Program:** Clean Energy Regulator (CER)  
**Topic:** ACCU Renewable Energy Target  
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**Senator Back, Chris asked:**

Can the renewable energy target be met by issuing ACCUs? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

No. The *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* (the Act) requires that Renewable Energy Target obligations be met through the surrender of large-scale generation certificates. The Act does not allow obligations to be met through use of Australian carbon credit units.