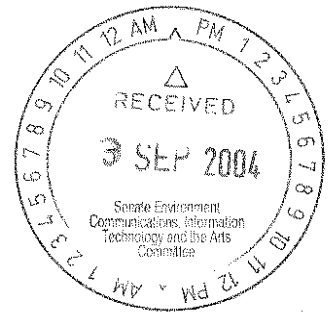




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Dear Senator

**Re: Further information relating to the Senate Environment, Communications,
Information Technology & the Arts Legislation Committee hearing of 27 May 2004**

During the Budget Supplementary Estimates 2003-2004 of 27 May 2004, Dr Wright and Mr Morvell from the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) responded to questions from Senator Wong as follows:

Senator Wong – “Has the AGO done an analysis of the effect on electricity prices of any increase in the MRET? Well, not the AGO – I presume a consultant.”

Dr Wright – “Senator, I believe modelling was undertaken as part of the Tambling review, but I would need to check on the details with officers in the room.

I am advised that in the MRET review report you will actually find the details of those analyses. But that was undertaken by the independent review, not the AGO.”

Senator Wong – “Other than those analyses, has any further modelling been done?”

Mr Morvell – “I am Gerry Morvell from the energy futures branch. As part of developing the government’s consideration of its response to the Tambling review, we engaged a firm, Econtech, to do some further reviews of the modelling and work done by the Tambling review to clarify some issues.”

(Hansard page reference ECITA 113)

The Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) would like to add the following information, which lists the economic analyses relating to potential impacts of changes to the MRET, which were paid for by the AGO and informed the Tambling Review Panel and the Government response to the Review:

DATE	TITLE	CONSULTANT	AVAILABILITY
17 December 2002	The Potential Impacts of Increasing the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target	McLennan Magasanik Associates (MMA)	Not released
September 2003	Impacts of a 20,000 GWh Target for the MRET Scheme	MMA	Released
22 September 2003	Comments on Impacts of a 20,000 GWh target for the MRET Scheme	Energy Strategies	Released
December 2003	Economic Impacts of Changes to the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target	MMA	Released
7 January 2004	Peer review of the Report on "Impacts of a 20,000 GWh Target for the MRET Scheme"	Econtech	Not released
May 2004	Proposals to support PV systems via MRET	Punchline Energy	Not released
June 2004	Impacts of Potential Changes to the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target Schemes	MMA	Not released
14 June 2004	The Economy-Wide Impacts of Alternative Mandatory Renewable Energy Targets (MRET)	Econtech	Not released

I hope that this information clarifies the AGO responses to the questions raised.

Yours sincerely



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