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Senator CHRIS EVANS asked: —We started a few minutes ago on the REDI scheme, but then I got a little lost as we went around the country, so I am probably more confused than I was at the start. There seem to be an awful lot of grant programs. Regarding the Renewable Energy Development Initiative program, you have had three rounds of grants. I think you said you had allocated \$46 million?

Mr Peel—A total of \$47.1 million.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—How much of that has actually been paid out?

Mr Peel—I will just check.

Ms Zielke—Payments for this financial year, to date, have been \$4.84 million. I have only that figure with me. I have future commitments, but I have only the paid figure for this financial year to date.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—That is \$4.8 million to date?

Ms Zielke—Yes.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Can you tell roughly how much had been actually expended in the previous two years?

Ms Zielke—No, I do not have that figure with me.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—I will not hold you to it. Are we talking \$10 million?

Ms Zielke—It would be about \$8 million or \$9 million, yes.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Maybe you could take that on notice for me?

Ms Zielke—Certainly.

ANSWER

Q How much has been allocated under the three rounds of the REDI program?

A \$47.2 million.

Q How much has been paid under the REDI program in the previous two financial years?

A \$0 in 2004-05 (the program was launched in June 2005) and \$3.8m in 2005-06.