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QUESTION No.: AI-23

Senator Colbeck—Do you have any specific figures on the impacts on residential buildings costs?

Dr Green—I do not have those in front of me here.

Senator Colbeck—I was not going to pressure you to give all that stuff to me now but I am looking to get a sense of what your numbers might be for the progressions that are being considered in that process. Do you have any costings or figures that you have done to give a sense, particularly in residential construction, of the costs of the increments in those star ratings?

ANSWER

The Regulatory Impact Statement for the six-star provisions can be found at the following link and contains indicative data on both the costs and benefits of the changes to newly constructed homes in various Australian locations:

<http://www.abcb.gov.au/index.cfm?objectid=BE1E5D93-0B04-11DF-B1DD001143D4D594>

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is not currently undertaking work on potential further increases to residential energy efficiency beyond the current six-star provisions. Any future consideration by the ABCB to move beyond six-stars would be subject to a Regulatory Impact Statement including a cost benefit analysis.