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QUESTION No.: BI-110

When assessments are undertaken as part of this program, are issues like building size and emissions from lighting included for consideration when the benefits of a project are evaluated? In other words, is it only a baseline comparison of overall emissions from the pre-project to the post-project state that is taken into account – or are other factors included too? If other factors are considered, what are they?

ANSWER

Yes.

The program is assessed against three merit criteria as outlined in the Customer Information Guide, with 60 per cent of an applicant's rating being based on the expected greenhouse gas reductions as a result of the proposed grant project. This includes total building savings and the savings per square metre of floor space, and also takes into account whether the project offers value for money to the Commonwealth.

Two other merit criteria are considered, being the demonstration potential of the project (20 per cent) and the project design and management (20 per cent).