

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question:** BR51

**Topic:** Bloom Box - mini power plant project

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**Senator Eggleston asked:**

What investigations have taken place into the Bloom Box? Are there any other projects of this nature that the Department is examining?

**Answer:**

The Government is aware of the United States based company Bloom Energy and its Energy Server product, sometimes referred to as the Bloom Box. With an electrical output of 100 kilowatts, the Bloom Energy Server is intended for larger-scale applications in a business or industrial setting.

The Commonwealth has a small shareholding in Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd, which is commercialising a solid oxide ceramic fuel combined heat and power unit for residential and small commercial applications.

We are not examining other projects of this nature.