

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Green Building Fund

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** B1-165

1. How many independent NABERS reports (identifying actual greenhouse gas (GHG) savings achieved) have now been completed for projects under the Green Building Fund?
2. What is the breakdown of results from those reports?
3. What percentage of the projects assessed in these reports to date achieved the top NABERS rating?
4. And how do the final results specifically compare, in each case, with the savings that were initially projected/targeted as part of the project?

**ANSWER**

1. 129 as at 31 May 2012.
2. The total reported greenhouse gas savings from the 129 projects was 109,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>(e). This compares favourably with the total projected savings for those projects of 97,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>(e).
3. The program objective of the Green Building Fund is to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions impact of the built environment by reducing energy consumed in the operation of commercial office buildings, hotels and shopping centres. The projects were assessed on the basis of total projected greenhouse gas savings, rather than final expected NABERS rating.
4. Overall, these projects achieved 12 percent above the projected savings than projected. Sixty-eight grant projects achieved or exceeded their projected savings, while sixty-one projects achieved less than originally projected.