

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
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TOPIC: LOW EMISSIONS TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION FUND
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTION

QUESTION No.SBI-33

Senator Webber asked:

Are the guidelines for the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund (LETDF) now up on your website?

ANSWER

Yes.

QUESTION No.SBI-34

Senator Webber asked:

Please provide an overview of how the LETDF will operate.

ANSWER

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage and the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources are jointly responsible for the LETDF and will approve grants. AusIndustry (the program delivery division of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources) will manage the day-to-day administration of the Fund. An Expert Panel appointed by the Ministers will be responsible for assessing the merit of applications against the merit criteria. The Expert Panel's merit assessment of eligible applications will be submitted to the Ministers for consideration. The Department of the Environment and Heritage and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources share policy responsibility. Program funding is appropriated to the Department of the Environment and Heritage.

Program Administrative Guidelines, approved by both Ministers, provide a framework for the operation of the Fund.

If an application is successful, the customer will be provided with a written offer of assistance, which will include any conditions on the offer. If the offer is accepted a deed of agreement that provides a legal framework for making grant payments and conducting the agreed project will be executed. The schedules to the deed of agreement will reflect what customers say in their application and will set out the activities and payments agreed for the project under the Fund, and establish compliance and reporting obligations.