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‘Projected reduction in greenhouse gas emissions are provided by independent National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) accredited assessors.

AusIndustry may also undertake additional compliance activities on a selection of grantees on a risk management basis’.

What is the nature of the compliance activities have been undertaken by AusIndustry on recipients of funding under the *Green Building Fund*?

- (i) how are compliance activities initiated by the AusIndustry, i.e. what is the selection criteria?

ANSWER

AusIndustry undertakes Green Building Fund compliance activities on a risk management basis, including reviews of applications upon receipt, checking business registration details, undertaking site visits to projects and undertaking detailed compliance audits of some customers. An independent audit opinion of project expenditure is required from customers at the conclusion of projects. The pre-project and post-project greenhouse gas emissions are assessed by accredited NABERS assessors.

- (i) The selection criteria for identifying customers for compliance activity is not publicly available, as to make it available publicly would undermine the integrity of the Program’s risk management and compliance strategy.