

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Topic: Breaches of CPRS**

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**Question:** (Senator Ludlam)

Regarding the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme:

- a) How does the Government intend to investigate breaches of the CPRS?
- b) What penalties are provided for large carbon emitters that breach the CPRS?
- c) Could a Director of a company that breaches the CPRS be gaoled, and if so, under what provisions of the draft CPRS bill package?
- d) Will there be a mechanism whereby individuals or firms could inform law enforcement about another firm breaching CPRS requirements?
- e) What resources has the Government provided to the Australian Federal Police to enforce the CPRS?

**Answer:**

In April, the Government announced it will not introduce the CPRS until after the end of the current commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and only when there is greater clarity on the actions of other major economies including the US, China and India.

This means the Government will not move to legislate the CPRS before the end of 2012.