

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senate Select Committee on Electricity Prices

QUESTION

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Chair: I am just having a look at the *Intelligent grid* report. Does that identify any barriers to greater uptake, particularly in terms of what we are looking at here - greater uptake of distributed generation?

Dr Platt: Yes, it does. One component of that project was a barriers analysis, where we surveyed a range of stakeholders in industry to try and identify what barriers they suggested they were. The barriers ranged from having the greater rewards - as Alex mentioned for solar cooling - that a solar cooling system might offer passed back to the person who has to buy it, through to confidence in the new technology, through to technical concerns around how distributed generation might affect electricity networks and things like that. There is a specific chapter that identifies those different barriers.

Chair: Can you just point out which chapter it is? I am just trying to find it.

Dr Platt: I cannot at the moment but I would be happy to get back to you with that.

ANSWER

Chapter 6 of the 2009 *Intelligent Grid* report, titled "Impediments to distributed energy: a review of barrier studies", provides an analysis of the barriers to the wide scale uptake of distributed energy. A copy of the *Intelligent Grid* report was provided to the Committee as Attachment D of our submission. The report is also available online at: <http://www.csiro.au/en/Outcomes/Energy/Carbon-Footprint/IG-report.aspx>