

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-037

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

TOPIC: WIND TURBINES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Heffernan asked:

The National Health and Medical Research Council advises that "there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link Wind Turbines with adverse Health effects" however, the NHMRC also advises "the Public Statement and Report are a form of advice to the community about the current state of published scientific literature on wind turbines and their effect on health. It is important to note that, as evidence reviews, they are not a scientific investigation conducted by NHMRC itself." Because only a small body of robust scientific evidence currently exists in this field, NHMRC is continuing to monitor the scientific literature"

Can the NHMRC please confirm the titles, authors and sponsors of the "small body of robust scientific evidence it did review?

Answer:

The NHMRC's Public Statement, *Wind Turbines and Health 2010*, is based on the results of the Evidence Review, *Wind Turbines and Health: A Rapid Review of the Evidence 2010*. All references used to develop the Evidence Review are listed at the back of the document, which is available at:

http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files_nhmrc/file/publications/synopses/evidence_review_wind_turbines_and_health.pdf