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Senator Rhiannon asked:

What undertaking can the department provide that it will not seek native forest wood eligible for RECs without formally peer reviewed scientific support?

Answer:

The Government is committed to the reintroduction of wood waste derived from native forests as an eligible renewable energy source under the large-scale component of the Renewable Energy Target scheme.

The Government has committed to undertaking a review of the Renewable Energy Target scheme in 2014. The arrangements for the review, including the Terms of Reference are being finalised and will be announced in due course.