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Senator Urquhart asked:

Are you aware of any large-scale renewable energy generators which have announced financial close on new projects since the Federal election? What is holding back renewable energy investors given the legislated Renewable Energy Target of 41,000 GWhs? Are renewable energy generators such as wind farms who have planning permission in danger of those permissions expiring before financial close? How easy will it be to get new planning permissions under the new Victorian and NSW planning regime if the existing ones expire?

Answer:

Decisions about investment in renewable energy are based on a range of considerations. The Department is not in a position to speculate on these.

The planning approval for renewable energy projects such as wind farms is a matter for relevant state and territory authorities.