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Senator Urquhart asked:

What was the Department's view of the comprehensiveness of the Climate Change Authority's review of the Renewable Energy Target at the end of last year? How did stakeholders feel that process went? One of the recommendations was to move to 4 yearly reviews, why did stakeholders find this important?

Answer:

1. The Climate Change Authority (CCA) is a statutory body established by the previous Government. The CCA conducted the 2012 review in accordance with the requirements of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*.
2. The Department has not conducted a review of how stakeholders felt the process went. Further details on the consultation arrangements are in Appendix C of the final report which is available on the CCA website at <http://climatechangeauthority.gov.au/ret>.
3. A summary of stakeholder views on an appropriate time period for reviews can be found in pages 36-39 of the final report published by the CCA in December 2012. The report can be accessed from the link provided in Answer 2.