

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Why is the NHMRC calling for a one-off Targeted Call for Research and if the NHMRC has conducted a “comprehensive review” then why is more research required?

Answer:

Two comprehensive independent reviews commissioned by NHMRC found there is little research evidence specifically related to wind farms and human health. Given the evidence gaps identified by the Wind Farms and Human Health Reference Group and the Government’s election commitment for further research in this area, a TCR was developed.