

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Wind farms and human health

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

On page 22 of the Report, it is stated: "Based on the studies referred to above, wind farms would be unlikely to cause health effects at distances of more than 500 m, where noise levels are generally less than 45 dBA." The only authoritative statement in this Report states health impacts are unlikely beyond 500 metres, yet the media release says the NHMRC want to study the effects up to 1500 metres. What evidence or data is there in the Report to support this position?

Answer:

Please see response provided to Question on Notice SQ15-000068.