

**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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Did the NHMRC, when reviewing evidence about possible health impacts from wind turbines, review existing health records or look at previous conditions or medical history of those who say that turbines contribute or cause their health problems?

**Answer:**

No, medical records were not considered in the comprehensive independent review of the scientific evidence on wind farms and human health commissioned by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Personal stories, opinions, medical records, legal findings and raw data are not considered scientific evidence. While individual experiences can raise the possibility of health effects from wind farms, only systematic research can establish the necessary body of evidence to determine whether reported health effects result from exposure to wind farms.