

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Wind farms and human health

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Question:

If wind turbines do cause medical problems, did the NHMRC uncover a relationship between when turbines were installed and when people begin experiencing symptoms?

Answer:

In total, 13 studies were found that considered possible relationships between exposure to wind farm emissions and health outcomes.

The overall findings of the review are stated in the Information Paper's *Summary of the evidence*.

The Information Paper notes that "because the exposure and health outcomes were assessed at a single point in time, none of the included studies was able to provide any indication of the order of events — that is, whether a health outcome first occurred before or after the exposure began" (page 9).