

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-182

OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Wind Farms - Disclosure

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Senator: Di Natale

Question:

I want some surety that he has made those known to the NHMRC in his disclosure. Perhaps I can give you on notice the detail of that information which I would like: some surety that all of those issues were noted in his disclosure form.

Answer:

The detail of Mr Mitchell's interests has no impact on the probity of the conduct of the wind farm review, given his status as an observer. Observers do not contribute to, nor influence the conduct of the literature review, nor do they impact on the deliberations of the committee. In this case, they are there to observe that there is transparency in the process. In contrast to an independent observer, an observer with a clear interest and position on the matter, such as Mr Mitchell, the National Health and Medical Research Council considers the level of detail disclosed to not be material.