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Topic: Australian Disability Enterprise - Case Based Funding Review

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Senator Fifield asked:

What measures has the Department taken to assess the impact of the carbon tax on ADEs?

Answer:

The Clean Energy Future Plan will provide assistance to not-for-profit organisations, including Australian Disability Enterprises, through the Low Carbon Communities initiative. Australian Disability Enterprises will be able to apply for funding support under the following elements of the Low Carbon Communities initiative:

- The \$200 million Community Energy Efficiency Program, which will provide grants to help local councils and community organisations undertake energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits to council and community-use buildings and facilities.
- A \$40 million program that will provide grants to industry associations and non-government organisations to inform small businesses and community organisations about how to reduce the impact of a carbon price. This will provide practical steps to reduce energy use and costs.

On 27 September 2011 the Government released consultation papers on the proposed design for the Community Energy Efficiency Program. The programs are expected to open for applications early next year.