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Senator WATERS: There were some media reports saying that the response to the ERF auctions were subdued. I am interested—you can perhaps take it on notice—in how many firms have submitted statements of interest in bidding. Likewise, as a second part to that first question, what are you doing to mitigate most of them coming from the landfill industry?

Answer:

The Clean Energy Regulator does not have a process for bidders to express an interest in participating in the Emissions Reduction Fund auction. To take part in an Emissions Reduction Fund auction, participants must have a registered project and successfully complete the auction qualification and auction registration processes.

The first Emissions Reduction Fund auction will be held on 15 and 16 April 2015.

The deadlines for participation in the first auction are 20 March 2015 for auction qualification and 7 April 2015 for auction registration. All Emissions Reduction Fund projects are published on the Clean Energy Regulator's website on the Emissions Reduction Fund Register of projects (www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/Emissions-Reduction-Fund/Register-of-projects/Pages/default.aspx).

The Clean Energy Regulator is engaging with already registered project proponents, business organisations, peak industry bodies across Australia and major service providers to facilitate the preparedness of all business sectors to participate in the first Emissions Reduction Fund auction.

The Clean Energy Regulator will publish information about the auction outcome on its website, within five business days of the closing of the auction.