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Senator Waters asked:

Senator WATERS: Can you table the figures you have provided to the minister for his announcements about the change in electricity bills per network distribution area? Do you have that to hand?

Mr Archer: I do not believe I have that to hand. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator WATERS: Thank you. Can you make sure, in the provision of that, that you separate the fixed service charge from the other aspects?

Mr Archer: Yes, we will do that.

Answer:

The Department did not provide data to the Minister in relation to changes in electricity prices from the repeal of the carbon tax per network distribution area. We understand that the figures referred to are from carbon tax removal substantiation statements published by electricity retailers on their websites and provided to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Further detail on carbon tax removal substantiation statements is available at:

<https://www.accc.gov.au/business/carbon-tax-repeal/requirements-for-suppliers-of-regulated-goods/carbon-tax-removal-substantiation-statements>