



Senator Linda Reynolds
Chair
Senate Environment and Communication Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Reynolds

On 8 February 2016 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Urquhart asked:

“Gee, that is a long way off. Can you provide us with an update on new ERF methodology since we last met?”

In response I said:

“Yes. Since we met last there has been one new method – in fact the minister put out a press release today. It is known as the source separated organic waste method.”

I wish to correct this answer. Between the Senate Estimates hearings of 19-20 October 2015 and 8 February 2016, three new Emissions Reduction Fund methodologies (methods) were made:

1. Refrigeration and ventilation fans method;
2. High efficiency commercial appliances method; and
3. Source separated organic waste method.

During the hearing, a similar exchange occurred with Senator Singh:

Senator Singh: *“Can you update us on what new methodologies for the ERF were in place in the second auction that perhaps did not apply for the first auction?”*

Ms Wilson: *I can. Let me just clarify that you are after how many new methods we have made either since the auction in November or since we met at last estimates.*

Senator Singh: *Specifically if it pertains to new methodologies that were used.”*

In response I said:

“We have had one new method since we last met at Senate estimates in November – in fact, since the last auction, in November. I did outline that before. It is known as the source separated organic waste method. The minister put out a press release. As I already said, it will allow for new activities that separate organic waste at its

source and avoid it going to landfill. The beneficiaries of this new method, the eligible entities, include local councils, retailers and charities.”

I wish to correct this answer. Between the October and February Senate Estimates hearings, the three new methods made under the Emissions Reduction Fund were; the refrigeration and ventilation fans method, the high efficiency commercial appliances method, and the source separated organic waste method.

I apologise for the errors in my answers and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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