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Senator Back asked:

Given the Clean Energy Council receives circa \$14,520 as an annual membership payment from the CER, please comment on why this is consistent with good financial management under the FMA Act and/or other applicable standards of good public accountability and governance?

Answer:

All expenditure by the Clean Energy Regulator is approved in accordance with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The Clean Energy Council (CEC) is a regulatory partner of the Clean Energy Regulator under the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001. For renewable energy systems to be eligible for small-scale technology certificates, the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 require all installers to be accredited by the CEC as well as all photovoltaic panels and inverters to be listed with the CEC.

Membership of the CEC enables the Clean Energy Regulator to administer the regulations efficiently and effectively as required by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.