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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: When was that committee established?

Dr Dickson: It was established late last year, as well.

Senator SINGH: At the same time as the commission?

Dr de Brouwer: Around the same time.

Dr Dickson: Around about the same time.

Senator SINGH: Has it met yet?

Dr Dickson: It has met. I can get you the details of its meetings, if you like.

Dr de Brouwer: That committee reports to both the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Health.

Senator SINGH: It would be good if you could take that on notice.

Answer:

The Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines has had two meetings:

- A short preliminary meeting by teleconference in December 2015 to discuss their role, expectations and the operation of the Committee. This meeting was also used as an opportunity for Committee members to discuss their areas of expertise.
- A second meeting was held via tele and video conference in February 2016.

The Committee is expected to keep meeting approximately every two months.

Further information on the Committee can be found in the announcement of the National Wind Farm Commissioner and Independent Scientific Committee by the Minister for the Environment on 9 October 2015 at

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/hunt/2015/mr20151009.html>