

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Roberts asked:

At many individual sites, introduction of automatic weather stations, mostly housed in small screens has caused step-changes, which are mistakenly attributed to the climate. Why are site data not individually checked? Where data are inflated, why are they not adjusted DOWN relative to past data before being reported to media?

Answer:

The assessment of the introduction of automatic weather stations is provided in the ACORN-SAT supporting literature at http://cawcr.gov.au/technical-reports/CTR_050.pdf.