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Senator Urquhart asked:

At the hearing, the Department noted that of the 41 methods for the ERF in operation, 15 have been made under the new legislation. Which methodologies are these? How many projects were contracted in the first ERF auction under these 15 methodologies? Were these methodologies being driven by proponents prior to the new legislation taking effect, or were they fully developed by the Department?

Answer:

Attachment A lists the 16 methods that have been made under the new legislation, including a new method (for commercial and public lighting) made on 25 June 2015. Forty-seven of the 144 projects contracted at the first ERF auction were covered by four of the 16 methods made under the new legislation. These projects are covered by 20 contracts held by 10 separate entities.

All ERF methods were developed by the Department in consultation with industry, Technical Working Groups and the Clean Energy Regulator.

The Avoided Deforestation 1.1 and Reforestation and Afforestation 2.0 methods included on the list were originally proposed as variations to existing Carbon Farming Initiative methods. These two methods were developed as ERF methods by the Department in consultation with the proponents who initiated the variations under the former Carbon Farming Initiative.

Attachment A - Methods made since the commencement of the Emissions Reduction Fund

Type/Sector	Method Name
Waste and wastewater	Landfill Gas
	Alternative Waste Treatment
	Domestic, Commercial and Industrial Wastewater
Mining	Coal Mine Waste Gas
Energy efficiency	Aggregated Small Energy Users
	Commercial Buildings
	Industrial Electricity and Fuel Efficiency
	Commercial and Public Lighting
Transport	Transport (Aviation)
	Transport (Land and Sea)
Vegetation management	Avoided Clearing of Native Regrowth
	Avoided Deforestation 1.1
	Designated Verified Carbon Standard projects
	Emissions Abatement through Savanna Fire Management
	Reforestation and Afforestation 2.0
Agriculture	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Fertiliser in Irrigated Cotton