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Senator Back asked:

Referring to QON 287, dated 14 March 2017, in which I asked questions of the CER regarding the noise non-compliance of the Bald Hills Wind Farm, I refer to the CER's response:

The Clean Energy Regulator has received a report that outlines an assessment of operational noise of the power station. This report was commissioned by the Bald Hills Wind Farm Pty Ltd and it was provided to the Clean Energy Regulator by the Wind Farm Commissioner in late January 2017. The report, in summary, says there have been minor breaches of a permit condition and a curtailment strategy has been implemented:

'The noise levels exceeded the applicable NZS6808:1998 noise limits by up to 1.2dB for a limited range of wind speeds during the night period at one stakeholder property (Property 28, where no noise agreement is in place) and one tenement property (Tenement Property B).'

Would you please provide a copy of the report referred to above to the Committee?

Answer:

Reports about operational noise at Bald Hills Wind Farm are available from the Victorian Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.