

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Roberts asked:**

What proportion of high & rising energy prices are due to RET & other climate policies?

**Answer:**

The Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC) 2016 Residential Electricity Price Trends Report estimated that in 2016-17 the average annual household electricity bill of \$1,353 would be made up of:

- \$63 or 4.7 per cent from the Renewable Energy Target (RET) costs;
- \$51 or 3.7 per cent from state feed-in tariffs and other state environmental policies;
- \$633 or 46.8 percent from regulated transmission and distribution costs; and
- \$606 or 44.8 percent from wholesale and retail costs.