

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

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Hearing: Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Program: Policy Analysis and Implementation (PAAI)
Topic: Policy Direction
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Senator Roberts asked:

Is the standard-of-proof, for at least major policies, beyond-a-reasonable-doubt (eg high), on-the-balance-of-probabilities (eg medium) or based on the precautionary principle (eg low, very low or none)? In other words, how are policy needs determined? Is it that the usual case that the Minister just directs the Department to document his/her policies with or without evidence?

Answer:

Refer to response to question number 38.