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Senator Madigan asked:

You will recall that at I asked you a question about the public's confidence in the administration of the LRET at Senate Estimates on Monday 20 October 2014.

In response to my question you stated:

“We have taken robust investigative action in a number of cases and that has included bringing both civil and criminal prosecutions under the renewable energy target.”

Are you going to take robust investigative action to bring civil and/or criminal prosecutions under the REE Act 2000?

Answer:

The Clean Energy Regulator robustly investigates allegations regarding to the provision of false and misleading information. Once investigations are complete, the Clean Energy Regulator makes its decisions on whether or not civil or criminal prosecution should proceed.

The Clean Energy Regulator has taken such action in the past when deemed necessary.

Please see Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 Question 200.