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Senator Back asked:

Does the CER receive verifiable records of fuel consumption data as part of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) scheme so that it can verify that the objective of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*, to reduce GHG emissions in the electricity sector is being met?

Answer:

Yes. The Clean Energy Regulator does receive fuel combustion quantity data that can be verified. The *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008* specifies the criteria that must be used for the estimation of the amounts of each fuel type combusted from the operation of a facility during a year.

However the objectives of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) scheme are to:

- underpin Australia's emissions reduction activities;
- inform government policy;
- inform the Australian public;
- help meet Australia's international reporting obligations;
- assist Commonwealth, state and territory government programmes and activities; and
- avoid the duplication of similar reporting requirements in the states and territories.

Therefore the purpose of collecting information under the NGER scheme is not to verify that the objectives of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* have been met.