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**Senator Singh asked:**

**Ms Lea-Perry:** Since the first auction in April, we have been continuing to add new methods to the suite of ERF methods that are available for use. Those methods that have been added since the April ERF auction have continue to expand on the range of land sector methods that were available from the former carbon farming initiative. There is, for example, a facilities method that is now available for large facilities. Some additional energy efficiency methods have come on stream that cover activities such as replacing lighting for lighting projects. We have continued to create new methods in the agricultural sector. There is a new method out now for herb management that has recently become available. Other methods, such as land and sea transport, have come on stream. So we have been focusing mostly on expanding the methods that are available in addition to those that were available for the land sector.

**Senator SINGH:** Do you have a list of those methods that you could provide to the committee? That would be great, thank you.

**Answer:**

As of the day of the Senate Estimates hearing, 19 October 2015, there had been seven new methods made since the first Emissions Reduction Fund auction, held on 15-16 April 2015.

These methods are as follows:

Method	Date made
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Fertiliser in Irrigated Cotton) Methodology Determination 2015	21 April, 2015
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Reforestation and Afforestation 2.0) Methodology Determination 2015	8 May, 2015
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Commercial and Public Lighting) Methodology Determination 2015	25 June, 2015
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Estimating Sequestration of Carbon in Soil Using Default Values) Methodology Determination 2015	18 July, 2015
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Oil and Gas Fugitives) Methodology Determination 2015	4 August, 2015
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Facilities) Methodology Determination 2015	24 August, 2015

For a list of all methods, please see the Department of the Environment's website:  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/emissions-reduction-fund/methods>