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Senator Bushby, David asked:

CHAIR: When you see an article or report like that, is that something that you would check the veracity of and see how they arrived at their methodology?

Mr Archer: We certainly do our best to understand the different analyses that the major analysts issue. We do not have our own internal modelling capacity to assess, in fine detail, every number that is reported on. We engage consultants to do modelling for us for a range of different purposes, and generally we will have something that has been done reasonably recently that we can draw on to help us understand those numbers.

Dr de Brouwer: We will come back with those numbers you asked for this morning. We have got them.

CHAIR: That would be great. Thank you.

Answer:

The figures relevant to this question are: Of the \$41 billion in additional capital costs required to meet state renewable energy targets, we estimate that \$27 billion would be required in Queensland and \$14 billion in Victoria.