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**Senator Lambie, Jacqui asked:**

How much extra cost is added to the electricity bill of an Australian household because they are subsidising wind energy?

a) A library study shows at least 4% is added onto everyone's account because of large scale wind and solar.

**Answer:**

- The Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC) 2015 Residential Electricity Price Trends report estimated that the renewable energy target (RET) added around 4 per cent a year to an average annual household electricity bill in 2015-16.
- The AEMC does not report the cost impact of specific renewable energy technologies.