

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Back, Chris asked:**

1. Does a penalty that is paid by some liable entities contribute towards the Federal Government's 2020 RET?
2. Do these monies flow to consolidated revenues?

**Answer:**

1. No, unless the penalty is ultimately redeemed through the future surrender of certificates. Refer to Part 8 of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* for detail on the allowable refund period.
2. Yes, any shortfall charges, including associated interest and penalty charges, flow to consolidated revenue. Should an entity that has paid shortfall seek to redeem its liability through a future surrender of certificates, they would receive the penalty, less administration charges, back from consolidated revenue.