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Senator Back asked:

The cost of Large-scale Generation Certificates are ultimately borne by power consumers. By a crude estimation, the total value of the Large-scale Generation Certificates issued by the CER since 2001, is worth in the order of \$8 billion.

1. What is the total number of Large-scale Generation Certificates issued since the commencement of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000?

Answer:

As at 13 March 2014, a total of 129,638,252 Large-scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) have been registered in the Renewable Energy Certificate Registry (the REC Registry) since the implementation of the Renewable Energy Target in April 2001. Please note this figure includes LGCs resulting from deemed installations from small solar, wind and hydro as well as solar water heaters until 2010 when the RET was split into two schemes. As at 13 March 2014 however, the number of LGCs registered in the REC Registry for accredited power stations is 79,374,816 (since April 2001).