

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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#### Senator Milne asked:

**Senator MILNE**—No, I am not asking you how many; I am asking you how many proven pilot projects do we have in Australia to date. I am not asking how many might apply for this fund but how many proven pilots to commercialisation we have; where are they and what are they?

**Mr Clarke**—So, in essence, are you asking us for a list of pilot-scale projects in technology classes that would be eligible to apply for this project?

**Senator MILNE**—Yes. Where are they, how many are there and what are they?

**Mr Clarke**—We do not have that list in front of us today. We would have to take that question on notice.

**Senator MILNE**—Thank you. I would appreciate it if you would.

#### Answer:

The objective of the Renewable Energy Demonstration Program (REDP) is to accelerate the commercialisation and deployment of new renewable energy technologies for power generation in Australia by assisting the demonstration of these technologies on a commercial scale. Proposals, therefore are expected to have progressed beyond proof of concept and pilot scale demonstration.

Full applications for the REDP closed on 15 April 2009. Until the Department has had an opportunity to analyse each proposal it is not possible to determine how many are projects that have progressed beyond the pilot stage.

The REDP received 167 registrations of interest from 148 companies and 62 proposals were subsequently submitted as full applications. It is not appropriate at this point to publicise the names of the companies that have applied for a grant, however, the breakdown of the applications is as follows:

Technology	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TBA	Total
Solar	1	1	4	5	0	7	3	1	22
Geothermal	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	6
Ocean Energy	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	6
Hydro Systems	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Biomass	0	5	1	0	3	6	3	0	18
Combination	0	4	2	0	1	1	1	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>

The names of successful applicants and information on the technology will be released at the time funding offers are made by Minister Ferguson.