

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing—February 2009

Written question reference: CC7

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Solar Credits and Renewable Energy Certificates

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Question: Senator Birmingham

Did the Renewable Energy Council write to Mr Garrett prior to the announcement of the new rebate scheme for solar panels, urging him not to use the RECs as a basis for the rebate? If so, can the Department please elaborate on his concerns? Why was his advice ignored? Please provide a copy of the letter.

Answer:

The Department of Climate Change is not able to comment on the correspondence of the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.