

**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:** CC8

**Outcome/Output:** Response to climate change

**Topic:** Renewable Energy Certificates

**Hansard Page:** Not relevant for written QoN

**Question:** (Senator Birmingham)

Solar installers expressed concern that they will have to pay the home owner the thousands of dollars up front for the RECs. Is that true? What happens if the value of the RECs falls before they sell them?

**Answer:**

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) has advised that this question has been provided to it directly and that DEWHA will provide a response.