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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Around 3,700 inspections will be undertaken in Queensland. How many different foil installers were there in Queensland?

Mr Aaron Hughes—We would have to take that on notice.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Is the audit designed such that all installers will have their work audited at some point?

Mr Aaron Hughes—The exact audit methodology is not in front of us at the moment, but we can take that on notice as well.

Answer:

As at closure, 349 installer businesses had made claims for foil installations in Queensland.

On 10 February 2010, Minister Garrett announced that every home that has had foil insulation installed under the Home Insulation Program (HIP) will undergo an electrical safety inspection.

In addition, on 1 April 2010, Minister Combet announced that all homes that had foil insulation installed under the HIP will have the option of having the foil insulation removed, or alternatively, on the advice of a licensed electrician, having safety switches installed.