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Senator RONALDSON-Yes, the carbon footprint has been offset by the Dutch government with the purchase of new brick kilns which apparently have lower emissions than existing kilns. Do we have any information on these kilns such as where they are and by whom they are manufactured or built?

Ms Beauchamp-I do not have any further information on that.

Senator RONALDSON-Can you take that on notice for me? Is that a yes?

Senator Ludwig-Yes, we will take it on notice.

Answer:

Responsibility for the brick kilns project rests with the Danish Government.

According to the website of the Danish Energy Agency, the project will establish 20 new energy-efficient brickworks in and around the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka, replacing old heavily polluting kilns. The Hybrid Hoffman Kiln technology from China used in the new kilns is the first of its kind in Bangladesh and will reduce coal consumption during brick production by 50 percent.

Further information on this project is available from the following websites:

- http://www.ens.dk/en-US/ClimateAndCO2/international_climate_projects/Danish_Climate_Projects/Danish_CDM_Projects/CDM_Project/Brick_Kilns/Sider/Forside.aspx; and
- http://unfccc.int/files/secretariat/environmental_responsibilities/application/pdf/a_climate_neutral_cop15_brochure.pdf.