

*Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.*

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Witness:	Mr Paul Younis
Committee Member:	Mrs Bev McArthur
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**Question:**

“So, how many renewable energy project applications have been received, Minister, since the government announced the new pathway on 14 March?”

**Answer:**

Since 14 March 2024 the government has received five planning permit applications for energy facilities:

- two solar farms;
- two large scale batteries; and
- one combined solar and battery facility.

Since the Victoria Planning Provisions were amended on 4 April 2024, the Development Facilitation Program has received 12 pre-application enquiries for renewable energy or battery projects.