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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: I am sure that some of the officers from the department would be able to give me a bit of an idea about what sort of issues it contributed to. That is why I am asking the question.

Dr Kennedy: We can take the question on notice and provide the list of activities undertaken by the former Climate Commission. As the parliamentary secretary has outlined, it would have included the provision of reports and also the holding of public meetings and a range of other activities. We can provide a list of activities for you if that is what you wish.

Senator URQUHART: Thank you. That would be useful

Answer:

During its operation the Climate Commission produced the following reports.

The Critical Decade: Climate science, risk and responses
The Critical Decade: Consequences for the New England/Northwest NSW region
The Critical Decade: South Australian impacts
Carbon pricing – A brief overview
The Critical Decade: Illawarra/ NSW South Coast impacts
The Critical Decade: Western Australia climate change impacts
The Critical Decade: Impacts for Gippsland, Victoria
The Critical Decade: Climate change and health
The Critical Decade: Tasmanian impacts and opportunities
The science behind southeast Australia's wet, cool summer
Climate Commission – A year in review
The Critical Decade: New South Wales impacts and opportunities
The Critical Decade: Victorian climate impacts and opportunities
The Critical Decade: International action on climate change
Loss of sea ice indicates global risks from climate change
The Critical Decade: Queensland climate impacts and opportunities
The Critical Decade: Generating a renewable Australia
The Critical Decade: Generating a renewable Australia – South Australia
Was Hurricane Sandy influenced by climate change?
Off the Charts: Extreme Australian summer heat
Climate Commission: The year in review 2012
The earth continues to warm
The Angry Summer
The Critical Decade: Extreme weather
The Critical Decade: Global action building on climate change
The Critical Decade 2013: Climate change science, risks and responses

The Critical Decade: Australia's future – solar energy

The Climate Commission's reports drew on existing published information; the Climate Commission did not conduct new research.

During its operation the Climate Commission held 21 community forums and a number of other stakeholder and community meetings. It also communicated with the public through its website, correspondence and the media.