

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS (SECOND REPORT)

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

ANZ29QW: Climate Change

Has the bank altered, or do you have any plans to alter, lending practices because of current or future physical impacts of climate change?

Answer: We are constantly reviewing our lending practices to ensure the risks of climate change are appropriately considered and mitigated in our due diligence processes.

For example, we are working with the Australian Bureau of Meteorology to look at movements and variability in average annual rainfall over recent decades to understand how climate change is affecting the suitability of farming land for crops or livestock that have traditionally been raised in any given location.

This will assist in discussion with our customers about managing change. For example, we will seek to discuss changing production methods, applying scientific advances in crop technology and water management, or structuring finances to manage seasonal variations.