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Senator Roberts asked:

Senator ROBERTS: What thermometer data still exists in hard copy form and why is an effort not made to digitise it and have it accessible in the public domain?

Dr Johnson: Again, I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

All paper records are maintained in the National Australian Archives. A considerable amount of digitisation has already been undertaken—this is discussed at www.bom.gov.au/climate/change/acorn-sat/documents/ACORN-SAT_TAF_FAQ.pdf.

Over time and as resources allow, the Bureau is digitising the remaining historical thermometer data and making them accessible in the public domain.