

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Outcome: Agency
Program: Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)
Topic: Current temperature rises
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Senator Burston asked:

The BoM attributes current temperature rises to human industrial activity rather than the historical ebb and flow of global warming and cooling as part of the natural phenomenon of climate change. Is it true that the heat retention effect of greenhouse gases is diminishing and that each additional part per million of carbon dioxide warms the atmosphere by less than the one before it?

Answer:

Yes.