

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

**Question No:** 274  
**Hearing:** Additional Estimates  
**Outcome:** Agency  
**Program:** Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)  
**Topic:** Records  
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**Question Date:** 6 March 2017  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Roberts asked:**

1. Does the statement that yesterday was the hottest day since records began imply the warning that we are all doomed?
2. Should there not be a qualification that records began last Thursday or 1950 or 1910 and so do not include the hotter periods in the 1880s 1890s, Medieval Warm Period or Roman Warm Period?
3. Should there not be a qualification that the new record exceeded the old by only 0.01 deg which is within the margin of error and anyway we have adjusted the new temperature up by 0.3 deg and reduced the old temperature by 0.3 deg?

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. The Bureau provides complete and accurate descriptions of reported records (for examples, see [www.bom.gov.au/climate/current/](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/current/)).
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