

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

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Program: Domestic Emissions Reduction Division (DERD)
Topic: Cost of reducing carbon dioxide
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Senator Roberts asked:

Senator ROBERTS: How much has been spent in each of the last five years by the federal government on anti-catastrophic anthropogenic global warming measures? Please include—and I will put this on notice—all departments and agencies, all grants, funding of non-government organisations, departmental and administered expenses. Include also the imposition of the renewable energy target on the economy and all grants and subsidies for household and grid solar and wind power. I would like the cost for the last five years by the federal government on measures to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Dr de Brouwer: I will take that question on notice

Answer:

The Government's expenditure through the Environment Portfolio for programs aimed at reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is reported in the annual Portfolio Budget Statement's, most recently against *Outcome 2: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the impacts of climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change*. This funding has gone towards programs such as the Emissions Reduction Fund, National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and, since 2015-16, Renewable Energy Technology Development through the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and the Australian Renewable Energy (ARENA).

The Department has a link to each years Portfolio Budget Statements since 2012-13 on its website at the following link:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/budget-statements>

These costings are for the Department of the Environment and Energy, the Department cannot respond on behalf of other Government Departments or Agencies.

The full report of the 2014 Renewable Energy Target Review can be found on the Climate Change Authority website at the following link:

<http://www.climatechangeauthority.gov.au/reviews/2014-renewable-energy-target-review>