

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

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Back asked:**

What is the expected energy demand in Australia in 2020? Is there an estimate?

**Answer:**

The Department of the Environment and Energy has not published projections for Australia's total energy consumption in 2020. Work is underway to prepare updated long term energy projections for Australia.

Projections for electricity are published in Commonwealth of Australia (2016), *Australia's emissions projections 2016*, <http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/publications/emissions-projections-2016>

The Australian Energy Market Operator publishes forecasts for electricity and natural gas demand on a regular basis, <http://www.aemo.com.au/>