

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

Question No: 188
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Programme: Bureau of Meteorology
Topic: CLIMATE CHANGE DATA AND ANALYSIS
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Senator Singh asked:

How many staff at the Bureau worked on climate issues and data analysis as at 30 June 2013?

- a. How many staff in at the Bureau currently work on climate change issues and data analysis?
- b. If less, what aspects of climate change was the Bureau working on at June 30, 2013 that it no longer investigates?
- c. Why are those aspects particularly no longer investigated?
- d. What effect on Australia's preparedness for climate change will lack of information of those issues have?
- e. Why did the Bureau de-prioritise climate change issues?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2013, 23 staff work on climate data analysis, monitoring and forecasting.

- a. 23.
- b. No change.
- c. No change.
- d. No change.
- e. The Bureau has not de-prioritised climate change over this period.