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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. The Government has committed to taking a 26-28% emission reduction target to Paris, this is on 2005 levels by 2030. Previously the baseline was 2000, can you explain the difference in the baseline years and why there was a shift?

Answer:

The use of a 2005 base year for Australia's 2030 target aligns with the approach of Canada, the US and New Zealand. These are the countries Australia is typically compared with, and they have similar historical emissions profiles to Australia.