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Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:

Is the department actively developing policy options to give effect to commitments under the Paris Agreement for a Just Transition?

Answer:

All Government policy gives consideration to social impacts.

The Paris Agreement explains that the ‘just transition’ of the workforce involves the creation of “decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined priorities”. The Government’s support for Hazelwood Power Station workers and Victoria’s Latrobe Valley following the closure of the facility at the end of March 2017 is a demonstration of how the Government is giving effect to this aspect of the Paris Agreement.

The Government has committed to reviewing its climate change policies in 2017 in the context of Australia’s 2030 target and the Paris Agreement.