

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

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**Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:**

Is Australia already adapting to climate change, or is your work about long term planning to adapt as the effects of climate change become worse?

**Answer:**

Adapting to effects of climate change involves responding to both short and long term risks. This requires consideration of scenarios for how the climate might change over time. The Government supports this by investing in climate science and information. This helps governments at all levels, business, communities and households understand and plan for the actual and potential impacts of climate change.