

**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:

What are the consequences of not doing this adaptation work?

Answer:

Adapting to the impacts of climate change is a responsibility shared across all levels of government, business, communities and households. The consequences of not taking action to adapt to climate change depend on the particular circumstances. An important role for governments is to make climate science and information available to help others make informed decisions about climate risks.

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