

ESTIMATES 2007-08 —ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 22 February 2008
Questions on Notice (QON) index—Department of Climate Change

Answers to QON taken during the Additional Estimates hearings, or written QON submitted thereafter, are due on 4 April 2008.

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard Reference	Question	Comments/answer received
CC1a	DCC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC1b	DCC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC1c	DCC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC1d	DCC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC1e	DCC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answer received 04/04/08. Revised answer received 15/05/08.
CC2a	ORER	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC2b	ORER	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC2c	ORER	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC2d	ORER	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC2e	ORER	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08. Revised answer received 15/05/08
CC3	DCC	JOHNSTON	F&PA 18	<p>Senator JOHNSTON—I would like the contract [for Professor Garnaut]. I am happy for personal details such as bank accounts and addresses to be deleted, but I would like the contract.</p> <p>Senator Wong—Okay. Given the concession from Senator Johnston, I am happy to</p>	Answered 02/05/08.

				take it on notice. Obviously, we would need to consult with Professor Garnaut because it is a contract with him. With the provisos that Senator Johnston has put in place, I will take the question on notice and ask Dr Parkinson to consult with Professor Garnaut on those matters.	
CC4	DCC	MACDONALD	F&PA 23–24	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Your travel [costs to the Bali Conference] might be indicative, Dr Parkinson, so perhaps you could give us that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—I can give you that on notice. It is no problem at all.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC5	DCC	FORSHAW	F&PA 24–25	<p>Senator FORSHAW—Do you have any idea of how many in total attended [in Bogor], across the departments?</p> <p>Mr Bamsey—Given that this was not the conference, but a pre-meeting—</p> <p>Ms Adams—It was you and me and—</p> <p>Mr Bamsey—We will take that on notice, if we may.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC6	DCC	MACDONALD	F&PA 26	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—I would have thought you might be able to get it for us and help the committee. I assume Professor Garnaut will be at estimates committees in May as a full-time employee of the government. If that was not intended, could you now take it on notice that we would like Professor Garnaut to appear before the May estimates committee.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—I am happy to take it on notice.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC7	DCC	MACDONALD	F&PA 27–28	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—...The sort of information I am looking for is where Australia stands in the pecking order, how much greenhouse gas emissions there are in the world—on the globe—and what Australia’s contribution to greenhouse gas emissions is. It looks like you might have that now—have you?...</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—The material is publicly available. If I had known that you want it I could have brought it with me. I can tell you that Australia’s contribution or share of global emissions is about 1.4 or 1.5 per cent of total global emissions. We are the 14th or 15th largest emitter in absolute terms, but we are one of the top five emitters on a per capita basis.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could I get those figures on notice, if they do not come in, in tonnes of carbon emissions for the globe and for Australia? You say it is publicly available and I am sure it is, but you have access to these figures, as you are better at the computer than I am.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—We can get it very quickly for you.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Can I also get what, in tonnes, the United States, China, India, Europe and different developing countries emit?</p>	Answered 03/04/08.

CC8	DCC	MACDONALD	F&PA 28	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Do you have information—or, if not, could you find it—on what Australia’s forestry industry or land use will contribute to greenhouse gas emissions in this current year? I am trying to compare Australia to others...</p> <p>Senator Wong—Sorry, Senator, can you clarify that? I am not clear on what you mean.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—I have asked for two sets of figures for Australia, the first one forestry related and the second one related to land clearing and what impact that has—if the figures are available. Do not give me the figures prior to the Queensland decision which, from memory, I think would have been about early 2005, wasn’t it?...</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—There are two sets of data: there are the actuals, which we can give you up to 2005, and there will be the 2006 projections for land-clearing impacts.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Taking into account the Queensland decision?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—Yes. They were projections done a year ago...</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC9	DCC	MACDONALD	F&PA 30	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—It is obviously, I suspect, something that the very learned and technical scientists might be able to calculate: would it blow out the disaster we are facing in a hundred years time by a year, a day, a week? Can I ask the department to use its resources to see if there is any material around that may indicate what a 1.4 per cent reduction in global emissions would do to the changing of the world’s climate? We all accept that the climate is going to change. We accept that we are going to get wetter in the north and drier in the south and that we may have more cyclones or whatever. I am just trying to find out where Australia fits in the cause of all those things. If it is possible I would like it to be taken on notice.</p> <p>Mr Bamsey—Certainly; we will take it on notice.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC10	DCC	ALLISON	F&PA 32	<p>Senator ALLISON—So is there a time frame for all those other elements you have mentioned, including when you will conduct consultations?</p> <p>Senator Wong—Yes. I gave a speech on 6 February which broadly lays out the scheme design parameters for ETS and a broad timetable. If you are not able to get it, I am happy to provide it to you. It does set out at least the outline of the government’s approach in this particular area.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC11	DCC	ALLISON	F&PA 38	<p>Senator ALLISON—This is just a question on notice, Chair. Could we have a breakdown of that 20 per cent? How much of that is existing? How much will be met by this target? How much will be met by other measures projected over the time frame to 2020?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—I can tell you—</p>	Answered 03/04/08.

				<p>CHAIR—Sorry; could you take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—Okay.</p>	
CC12	DCC	MILNE	F&PA 42	<p>Senator MILNE—Let us go to some specifics, then. If we all accept we are going to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, what volume of emissions reductions have you estimated will be achieved from your three energy efficiency programs—that is, the Solar Cities program, the solar panels in schools program and the solar hot water program?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I might have to take that on notice. We may be able to assist you in terms of the abatement. I think at least two of those specific measures fall within Minister Garrett’s portfolio—or possibly Minister Ferguson’s. You would be aware, obviously, that not all eggs are in the one basket. I think we have had that discussion in terms of abatement from programs. Your point is a good one, though. I think energy efficiency is an area which has probably been underdone.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC13	DCC	MILNE	F&PA 44	<p>Senator MILNE—I will go to a specific one. The former Howard government promised a substantial sum of money to the FutureGen coal project, being led out of the US. Can you indicate whether your government is going to continue with that, given that the Bush administration has now withdrawn support for that FutureGen project? How much did the Howard government promise, and how much are you going to pay?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will have to take that question on notice, because it is in Minister Ferguson’s portfolio. I have some information, but I prefer to ensure that it is as up to date as possible.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC14	DCC	MACDONALD	F&PA 46	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—...What are the relative benefits and costs of an emissions trading scheme versus a carbon tax?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—The previous government considered that issue in the context of the work that was done by the task group on emissions trading. There is an attachment in that, and I think it is covered in chapter 3 as well.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—That is in relation to the last question?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson—Yes, in relation to the last question. We are happy to provide that to you if you do not have it, but that is where it is.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Please do.</p>	Answered 03/04/08.
CC15	DCC	JOYCE	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC16	DCC	JOYCE	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.

CC17	DCC	JOYCE	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC18	DCC	JOYCE	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC19	DCC	JOYCE	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC20a	DCC	B.BROWN	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC20b	DCC	B.BROWN	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC20c	DCC	B.BROWN	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC20d	DCC	B.BROWN	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC21	DCC	B.BROWN	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC22	DCC	B.BROWN	WRITTEN	See attachment	This question was transferred to the Dept. of Env.
CC23	DCC	SIEWERT	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC24	DCC	SIEWERT	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC25	DCC	SIEWERT	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 03/04/08.
CC26a	DCC	I.MACDONALD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 07/04/07.
CC26b	DCC	I.MACDONALD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 07/04/07.
CC26c	DCC	I.MACDONALD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 07/04/07. Revised answer received 16/05/08.
CC26d	DCC	I.MACDONALD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 07/04/07. Revised answer received 16/05/08.

CC26e	DCC	I.MACDONALD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 07/04/07. Revised answer 16/05/08.
CC26f	DCC	I.MACDONALD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 07/04/07. Revised answer received 16/05/08.

Written Questions on Notice

CC1a–Department of Climate Change (MINCHIN)

List all appointments which have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and Ministers) to Statutory Authorities, Executive Agencies and Advisory Boards, with a brief outline of the respective appointee's credentials.

CC1b–Department of Climate Change (MINCHIN)

Provide a list of all vacancies which remain to be filled by Ministerial (including Cabinet and Executive Council) appointments.

CC1c–Department of Climate Change (MINCHIN)

Provide a list of all grants which have been approved by Ministers from within their portfolio.

CC1d–Department of Climate Change (MINCHIN)

Provide a list of requests to the Department of Finance to move funds within each portfolio.

CC1e–Department of Climate Change (MICHIN)

Provide a complete list of the Government's election promises made during the campaign, and which Department is responsible for the administration of each of these commitments.

CC2a–Office of the Renewable Regulator (MINCHIN)

List all appointments which have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and Ministers) to Statutory Authorities, Executive Agencies and Advisory Boards, with a brief outline of the respective appointee's credentials.

CC2b– Office of the Renewable Regulator (MINCHIN)

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CC2c– Office of the Renewable Regulator (MINCHIN)

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CC2d–Office of the Renewable Regulator (MINCHIN)

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CC15 (JOYCE)

Does the Minister for Climate Change respect Professor Garnaut as proficient and capable in his field?

CC16 (JOYCE)

Does the purpose of Professor Garnaut's report carry any weight with the Government?

CC17 (JOYCE)

With the Government's target of a 60% reduction in carbon emissions, and Professor Garnaut's recommendation of 70% to 90%, are you going to increase the Government's target or ignore his report?

CC18 (JOYCE)

Do you believe the Australian people will accept the privations of the 60% target will bring about in their lives?

CC19 (JOYCE)

Can you rate Australia's emissions as a proportion of ocean degassing, seismic and volcanic activity in the world?

CC20a (B.BROWN)

Since the election, on which occasions has the Minister met representatives (direct or indirect) of the coal industry? On each occasion, who was met and what was discussed?

CC20b (B.BROWN)

Since the election, on which occasions has the Minister met representatives (direct or indirect) of the gas industry? On each occasion, who was met and what was discussed?

CC20c (B.BROWN)

Since the election, on which occasions has the Minister met representatives (direct or indirect) of the forest industry? On each occasion, who was met and what was discussed?

CC20d (B.BROWN)

Since the election, on which occasions has the Minister met representatives (direct or indirect) of non-governmental organisations concerned with global warming? On each occasion, who was met and what was discussed?

CC21 (B.BROWN)

Has the government considered a carbon tax and, if so, what further consideration is to be made? If not, why not?

CC22 (B.BROWN)

What will be the greenhouse gas emission output from Gunns proposed pulp mill? Does this assessment include the emissions from forests logged and if not, why not?

CC23 (SIEWERT)

What proportion of the \$200 million Government Initiative of Climate Change and Forests (GIFC) has now been fully allocated and on which programs, and what proportion of these monies have actually been spent?

CC24 (SIEWERT)

Last year, the Commonwealth announced that it would be entering into a tropical forests/climate change partnership with BHP Billiton and the Indonesian Government to protect forests and peatlands in central Kalimantan. What is the status of this initiative and what funds did each of the partners agree to contribute?

CC25 (SIEWERT)

Does the Government intend to further build upon the current GIFC program and what pilot programs is it intending to initiate in Indonesia (and in the region) in the coming 12 months to protect tropical forests and reduce carbon emissions?

CC26a (I. MACDONALD)

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, which ministers attended?

CC26b (I. MACDONALD)

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, which departments attended?

CC26c (I. MACDONALD)

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, how many ministerial staff attended (specify for each minister)?

CC26d (I. MACDONALD)

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, what was the total cost for the (answer provided from Question on Notice CC26c) for ministers and their personal staff attending?

CC26e (I. MACDONALD)

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, how many departmental staff attended (specify for each department represented)?

CC26f (I. MACDONALD)

Regarding the overall Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali in December 2007, what was the total cost of attendance of each department's officials?