

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing– 24 February 2009

Written question reference: CC17

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Greenhouse accounting for native vegetation

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Question: (Senator Brown)

Why is it that the government does not do the work to establish the impact of native vegetation clearance in Australia on climate change?

Answer:

Australia reports detailed national deforestation accounts under provisions of the Kyoto Protocol and, similarly, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Deforestation is defined as the deliberate human-induced conversion of forest to an alternative land use.