

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(3) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Nettle (L&CA 9) asked:

You mentioned that the department has looked at a range of existing international studies on the impact of climate refugees and climate change. I am wondering if you could provide us with an outline of the documents that the department has looked at. I have mentioned the Stern report and I can mention more reports that have been looked at, but I would like to know if the department is actively looking at those rather than just the ones that I have raised here.

Answer:

The Department examines a wide variety of documents to assist with the development of its policies.

1. The documents examined that deal with climate change are listed below:

Advancing the National Interest: Australia's Foreign and Trade Policy White Paper. DFAT 2003.

Australian aid: promoting growth and stability: A white paper on Australian Government's overseas aid programme. AusAID 2006.

Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. Working Group II Contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Fourth Assessment Report, Summary for Policymakers. 13 April 2007. <http://www.ipcc.ch/SPM13apr07.pdf>

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). *Climate Change in the Asia Pacific Region*. October 2006. <http://www.csiro.au/resources/pfkdl.html>

Dowdeswell, Julian A. 'The Greenland Ice Sheet and Global Sea-Level Rise', *Science*. February 2006, Vol. 311.

Field, Michael J. 'Sea Levels Are Rising', *Pacific Magazine*. December 2001.

Frew W. and S Peatling. *Time to act on global warming*. Sydney Morning Herald. October 31, 2006.

Friends of the Earth. *A Citizen's Guide to Climate Refugees*. <http://safecom.org.au/foe-climate-guide.htm>

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Third Assessment Report – Climate Change 2001. <http://www.ipcc.ch/>

Tol, Richard S.J. *The Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change: A Comment*. 2006.

Turton, Hal. *Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Industrialised Countries: Where Does Australia Stand?* The Australia Institute. Discussion Paper No 66, June 2004.

Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change: Executive Summary, October 2006 and *Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change: Media Release*, October 2006. (Documents 3 and 4 are available at http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change)

2. The documents examined that specifically address people displaced by climate change are listed below:

Banham, Cynthia and Richard Macey. 'SOS Call as Island Nations Go Under'. *Sydney Morning Herald*, 5 January 2006.

Black, Richard. *Environmental Refugees: Myth or Reality? New Issues in Refugee Research*, Working Paper No. 34, 2001. <http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/3ae6a0d00.pdf>

Connell, John. 'Losing Ground? Tuvalu, the Greenhouse Effect and the Garbage Can', *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*. Vol.44, No.2. August 2003, 89-107.

de Guchteneire, Paul and Antoine Pecoud. *UNESCO's Contribution to the Work of the United Nations on International Migration*. 2006.

Hamilton, Clive. 'The Commonwealth and Sea-Level Rise', *The Round Table*. September 2003.

Myers, Norman. *Environmental Refugees: A Growing Phenomenon of the 21st Century*. 2001.

The Climate Change and Development Roundtable. *Australia Responds: Helping our Neighbours fight Climate Change*. October 2006. http://www.ccdr.org.au/1104-04_AustraliaResponds_24.pdf

Wilkie, A. *Climate change: a threat that we are not ready for*. *The Age*, December 11, 2006.