

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — CLIMATE CHANGE UNIT

820. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How many full-time equivalent employees worked in the Department of Environment and Conservation's climate change unit in 2009–10, 2010–11 and 2011–12?
- (2) What was the budget allocation to DEC's climate change unit in 2009–10, 2010–11 and 2011–12?
- (3) Why has the state's climate change mitigation and adaptation strategy not been released, and when will it be released?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) The climate change unit is responsible for coordinating the response to climate change. Details of FTEs and budget allocation for this unit are published in the annual *Budget Statements* presented to Parliament. Page 894 of the 2009–10 *Budget Statements* shows a budget target of \$11.473 million and 23 FTEs. Page 823 of the 2010–11 *Budget Statements* shows a budget target of \$11.873 million and 21 FTEs. Page 823 of the 2011–12 *Budget Statements* shows a budget target of \$19.187 million and 20 FTEs.
- (3) It is expected that the strategy will be released in the near future.