

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

3516. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the first paragraph of the answer given to the Hon Giz Watson's question without notice No. 27 on 16 February 2011, and for each Department and Agency in the Minister's area of responsibility, I ask —

- (1) Is each Agency and Department addressing climate change issues, as it affects each Agency and Department's sectoral responsibilities?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), which climate change issues have been identified, by Agency and Department, as affecting the specific Agency or Department's sectoral responsibilities?
- (4) In respect of each issue identified, how is it being addressed (please provide full details) in terms of —
 - (a) adaptation;
 - (b) mitigation; and
 - (c) modification of activities likely to maintain or increase the severity of the impacts of climate change?
- (5) In respect of each answer to (4) —
 - (a) how much funding has been allocated to this work;
 - (b) how many FTE staff have been allocated to this work; and
 - (c) how is success being measured?
- (6) Regarding the answer to (5) (c), is this information publicly available?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) If yes to (6) —
 - (a) where is it publicly reported; and
 - (b) how often is it updated?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1)-(8) The State Government has established the Climate Change Unit to coordinate the challenges of climate change adaptation and mitigation with the Department of Environment and Conservation, it is responsible for the whole of State Government coordination of policy and strategy regarding the economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change.