

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS — REDUCTION STRATEGY

5311. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment

From 2004 to 2008, Western Australia had a comprehensive Greenhouse Strategy as a response to climate change. What strategy or plan has this government used for the past two and a half years to reduce Western Australia's greenhouse gas emissions?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Government is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the development of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy (CCAMS) and the Energy2031 Strategic Energy Initiative.

CCAMS will assess the likely impacts and risks of climate change to the economy and to communities and make recommendations for mitigation and adaptation actions. It will outline a greenhouse gas mitigation strategy that complements national policy and is designed to achieve emission abatement in the most economically responsible manner.

One of the key goals of Energy2031 is cleaner energy which aims to ensure energy production and use are compatible with good environmental stewardship and minimise carbon emissions.

Climate change emission reduction has been achieved through application of the Environmental Protection Authority's Guidance Statement No. 12 to require proponents to apply best practice to project proposals to maximise energy efficiency and minimise emissions.

The Government has also continued to support the development of low emissions technology through the Low Emissions Energy Development fund.