

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE — ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

3542. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Is the Department of Commerce addressing climate change issues as it affects the Department's sectoral responsibilities?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), which climate change issues have been identified as affecting the 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) Yes, the Department is addressing climate change issues as it affects its sectoral responsibilities.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Adaptation and mitigation issues have been identified as affecting the Department's sectoral responsibilities.
- (4) For adaptation and mitigation, the Department is involved in the following activities.
 - The emissions from the Department's fleet vehicles are being offset through the State Fleet Vehicle Emissions Offset Scheme; and the Department adheres to the WA Government Fleet Policy CO2 emission benchmark when selecting replacement vehicles.
 - The Department's greenhouse gas emissions are measured through the System for Accounting and Reporting Government Emissions (SARGE).
 - The Department regularly delivers education to staff on energy reduction.
- (5)
 - (a) There is no funding allocated to this work.
 - (b) There is .25 of a level 4 FTE allocated.
 - (c) The emission and consumption figures are measured each year against previous years with a reduction target of 10% reduction in energy use per MJ/FTE or m2/FTE by 2011/2012 relative to 2006/7.
- (6) No, the information is not currently publicly available.
- (7) Under the Premiers Circular 2008/11 agencies are required to report their energy use. Up until the 2007/2008 year a report was prepared by the Office of Energy which was a public document. Since that report no further reports have been prepared.
- (8) Not applicable