

CHEVRON AUSTRALIA — GORGON CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE

1476. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Chevron's carbon capture and storage facility, which is currently burying only a third of the pollution it committed to as part of the Gorgon gas project.

- (1) How many carbon credits has Chevron purchased in the past two years to make up for the ongoing shortfalls of the 80 per cent injection target?
- (2) What oversight does the government have over international carbon credits being purchased by Chevron to make up for the shortfall in its CCS facility?
- (3) If none, why not?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Chevron reported in its 2022 annual performance report that it had acquired and surrendered in excess of 2.3 million offsets. This includes Australian carbon credit units, verified emission reduction units and verified carbon units. The number of individual carbon credits purchased is not reported.
- (2) As required in the conditions of ministerial statement 1198 published in October 2022, for offsets other than those specifically mentioned in the ministerial statement to be acceptable, the minister would have to provide specific written advice that they meet integrity principles and are based on clear, enforceable and accountable methods.
- (3) Not applicable.