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Senator Urquhart asked:

In terms of various recent expert investigations including the Government's own Independent Expert Panel, chaired by Ian Chubb will the Department be giving consideration to including climate change mitigation and adaptations actions in a revised Reef 2050 Plan?

Answer:

The Reef 2050 Plan is built on an adaptive management approach and contains a commitment that a mid-term review should be completed by the end of 2018. The Reef 2050 Independent Expert Panel and the Reef 2050 Advisory Committee will play a key role in the review, and any subsequent revision.

Actions to address the effects of climate change on the Reef would fall within the scope of the review. Climate change mitigation is a matter addressed through the Government's commitments under the Paris Agreement.