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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Waters asked:

1. Are offshore LNG plants, like Browse and Shell's Prelude project, counted in our emissions or not? Given that there is obviously a proposed ramp-up in production, would those proposed emissions be taken into account in your forecasting of whether we can meet our 2020 and indeed our 2030 targets?
2. Are they factored into the 2020 projections?
3. Whether or not we can meet our 2030 and 2020 targets, the proposed expanded—
4. Can we get a whole-of-department breakdown in terms of the outcomes, given that there are new areas such as ag coming in and changes.

Answer:

1. *Australia's emissions projections 2014-15* includes emissions from Australia's expanding liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry. Emissions from the extraction, production and processing of LNG are included in the electricity, direct combustion and fugitive emissions projections. Expectations around the ramp-up in Australian LNG production are included in the projections and analysis of the 2020 and 2030 targets. Both the Browse and Prelude projects are included in the 2014-15 projections.
2. Yes, however production from Browse is not expected to commence until after 2020.
3. Question is incomplete; answer provided in Answers 1 and 2.
4. Fragment relates to next question from Senator Urquhart. Question answered by Dr de Brouwer.