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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Ms Thompson:** Certainly the 40 per cent to 60 per cent range that you mentioned was one of the findings of the authority in its targets report—the draft report was released in April and then the final in early July. In terms of saying whether it was roughly double, I do not have that particular analysis in front of me. We would have to go back and have a look at the various baselines and how that goes.

**Senator WATERS:** Would you mind taking that on notice? I understand that the 26 per cent to 28 per cent reduction on 2005 levels equates to about a 19.3 per cent reduction on 2000 levels.

**Ms Thompson:** That is correct.

**Senator WATERS:** That is less than half of the 40 per cent to 60 per cent.

**Ms Thompson:** Yes, it is in that range. But we can take that on notice and confirm it.

**Senator WATERS:** If you could, on notice, confirm that 19.3 is indeed less than half of 40, that would be helpful.

**Ms Thompson:** That would be maths.

**Answer:**

The Australian Government has announced an emissions reduction target of 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This is equivalent to 19 to 22 per cent below 2000 levels.

In its *Final report on Australia's future emissions reduction targets*, the Climate Change Authority recommended emissions reductions of 40 to 60 per cent below 2000 levels by 2030. This is equivalent to approximately 45 to 65 per cent below 2005 levels.