

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Answers to Questions on Notice

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio

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Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Professor Flannery		
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Senator IAN MACDONALD: Just by the way, would Professor Flannery come to estimates if we requested his presence?

Senator Wong: I would have to take that on notice. Professor Steffen is here from the commission.

Answer:

Professor Flannery would consider any request to attend an Estimates hearing in consultation with the Department and subject to his availability.

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Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am not asking you to agree with the science, I am asking whether you could perhaps identify the other, what seemed to me to be, very prominent scientists around the world with a different view to yours, Professor Steffen.

Prof. Steffen: I would have to look at that list. There are probably some names that I would recognise as people who have been speaking out on the 'denier' or the 'sceptic' side or whatever you want to call it.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Let us just say 'people who have a different view to you'.

Prof. Steffen: The question is this: are they reputable scientists in the climate change field? That is the question I raise. Just to satisfy yourself you would need to look that up yourself.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: I was going to ask you so you could satisfy me. You would know them better than me.

Prof. Steffen: I would be happy to take that on notice if you would send me a copy of the letter.

Answer:

The letter referred to is an opinion piece that was published in the Wall Street Journal on 26 January 2012, entitled 'No Need to Panic about Global Warming'.

Scientists establish their reputations by publishing their findings in mainstream, peer-reviewed journals.

The following table lists the signatories to the opinion piece and their record of publication on the subject of climate change in mainstream peer-reviewed journals.

Signatories	Record of publications on climate change in mainstream peer-reviewed journals
Dr Claude Allègre	None
Professor J. Scott Armstrong	None
Professor Jan Breslow	None
Dr Roger Cohen	None
Dr Edward David	None
Professor William Happer	None
Professor Michael Kelly	None
Mr William Kininmonth	None

Professor Richard Lindzen	Numerous
Professor James McGrath	None
Mr Rodney Nichols	None
Dr Elbert Leander (Burt) Rutan	None
Dr Harrison H. Schmitt	None
Professor Nir Shaviv	Three
Dr Henk Tennekes	None

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Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could explain to me—take it on notice—the differences between the table that you have just referenced on page 30 of the additional estimates PBS and that on page 28 of the budget PBS, that would be appreciated.

Ms Sidhu: Sorry to interrupt; there is just one more point. The numbers out from 2012-13 to 2014-15 under 'program support' relate largely to program support either for the Climate Change Science Program or for the natural resource management program. The program support funds relating to the National Climate Change Adaptation Centre program drop out. That is why there is a reduction between 2011-12 and 2012-13. But we will take on notice the 2010-11 numbers, yes.

Answer:

The program support figures in the Program 1.3 Expenses table on page 28 of the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) include a misallocation of funding for activities that relate to a separate program. This misallocation was subsequently corrected in the 2011-12 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES) (refer to Program 1.3 Expenses table on page 30). The 2010-11 actual figure in the 2011-12 PAES reflects the figures reported in the Department's 2010-11 audited Financial Statements, which included the same misallocation.

	2010-11 Annual Report (Actual)	2011-12 PBS (Estimate)	2011-12 PAES (Estimate)
Program 1.3 Program Support	\$28,882	\$28,343	\$6,407