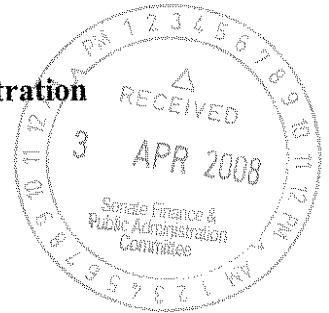


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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Garnaut Climate Change Review

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Question: (JOYCE)

Does the purpose of Professor Garnaut's report carry any weight with the Government?

Answer:

The Garnaut Climate Change Review is an independent review commissioned jointly by the State and Territory Governments in April 2007 with support from Federal Labor. The Commonwealth joined the Review after the election of the Rudd Government. The Terms of Reference direct the Review to ascertain the impacts of human induced climate change on Australia's economy, environment and water resources as well as the costs and benefits of various domestic and international policy interventions. These findings underpin the Review's recommendations on policy approaches for Australia in the medium and long term.

Professor Garnaut's views will be taken into account in government considerations of climate change policy, including designing the emissions trading scheme and Australia's approach to post-2012 international negotiations.