Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio Department of Climate Change Additional Estimates Hearing-February 2008

Written question reference: CC17

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Garnaut Climate Change Review and 2050 Emissions Reduction Target

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Question: (JOYCE)

With the Government's target of a 60% reduction in carbon emissions, and Professor Garnaut's recommendation of 70% to 90%, are you going to increase the Government's target or ignore his report?

Answer: (See also answer to CC16)

The Government has a commitment to reducing greenhouse emissions by 60 percent on 2000 levels by 2050. This target is based on scientific advice and is a very substantial reduction.