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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

- a) Does the Government provide region-specific information to local councils on the impact of climate change in their communities?
- b) How is this information provided?

Answer:

The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency does not provide region-specific information to local councils on the likely impacts of climate change. Some national, state and regional information is available publically on the Department's website and at the *Climate Change in Australia* website.

The Department administers the Local Adaptation Pathways Program, which provides funding to enable local governments to undertake their own risk assessments and adaptation action planning for the impacts of climate change on their operations. Additionally local governments have access to information and toolkits which enable them to conduct their own processes.