

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Budget Estimates Hearing–May 2009

Written question reference: CC20a-b

Outcome/Output: Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1 – Response to climate change

Topic: Program cuts in 2009-10 Budget

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

- a) What programs have been cut in this latest budget?
- b) Please provide a detailed list of the specific programs which have:
 - Been axed
 - Had their funding reduced by more than 10 per cent.

Answer:

- a) The Department has one administered program that was due to lapse and which received no new funding in the latest budget - Greenhouse Action to Enhance Sustainability in Regional Australia. Funding for this program was budgeted to lapse on 30 June 2009. The lapsing funding is consistent with the recommendations of the Government's Strategic Review of Australian Government Climate Change Programs ('the Wilkins Review').
- b) See answer to part (a) above.