

**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:** CC27a

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

**Topic:** Apportioning of portfolio responsibilities between the Minister for Climate Change and Water and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change

**Hansard Page:** Not relevant for written QoN

**Question:** (Senator Birmingham)

How have portfolio responsibilities been apportioned between the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary/Minister Assisting?

**Answer:**

The roles and responsibilities of the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change, the Hon Greg Combet AM MP (the Minister Assisting) are to support and assist the Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, in the discharge of those of her ministerial responsibilities that relate to the Government's climate change policies and initiatives.