

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: CC7

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

Topic: Mistaken reference to stabilisation goal

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Question: (Senator Bob Brown)

Senator BOB BROWN—My question, though, has been predicated on the Prime Minister's statement that the global conditionality was based on CO2 equivalent levels of 450 parts per million or lower by mid-century. I just ask the minister this question on this: when was the Prime Minister informed of this mistake?

Senator Wong—I will take that question on notice.

Senator BOB BROWN—Has the Prime Minister been informed of this mistake?

Senator Wong—I said I would take that question on notice.

Answer:

The email message of 4 May 2009 from the Department about the mistaken reference to stabilisation “by mid-century” or “by 2050” was not sent to the Prime Minister's Office.

The Department has no information on when information was passed on to the Prime Minister.