

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Land clearing area estimates

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Question: (Senator Milne)

What are the land clearing estimates in hectares for each state that are being used for the purposes of the national inventory report from 2000 to the present?

Answer:

Land clearing activity data for the period 1990 to 2005, as used in the development of Australia's national greenhouse accounts, are provided in the attached table. The data can be accessed on the Department of Climate Change website at <http://www.ageis.greenhouse.gov.au/GGIDMUserFunc/QueryAppendixTable/QueryAppendixTable.asp>

cc11 Attachment A



LULUCF : ACTIVITY TABLE : 2005*
AUSTRALIA

	ACTIVITY DATA - AREA (000) ha**															
	National		New South Wales		Northern Territory		Queensland		South Australia		Tasmania		Victoria		Western Australia	
	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing	Conversion	Reclearing
1990	414.0	147.8	60.1	42.0	1.2	0.4	289.4	79.4	8.6	4.0	6.8	1.9	7.4	5.5	41.3	13.8
1991	286.6	141.1	48.4	45.5	1.8	1.0	199.1	74.2	4.8	3.1	4.4	1.4	6.7	5.1	22.2	10.1
1992	255.3	134.5	33.2	33.9	1.4	1.0	190.7	80.1	4.1	3.0	3.8	1.3	6.6	5.8	16.3	8.4
1993	239.3	149.1	30.0	34.5	0.6	0.6	181.8	93.7	3.6	2.7	3.6	1.2	5.0	7.1	15.4	8.7
1994	229.6	139.2	29.0	33.3	0.6	0.6	173.2	85.3	3.6	2.7	3.6	1.1	4.9	6.9	15.4	8.5
1995	186.9	127.7	21.8	33.5	1.2	1.1	141.1	71.4	3.0	2.3	3.4	1.1	3.7	6.1	14.2	10.9
1996	186.7	130.3	21.3	34.1	1.5	1.4	141.9	73.0	2.9	2.3	2.9	1.0	3.6	6.0	14.1	10.9
1997	183.2	128.8	21.4	34.1	1.4	1.2	138.5	71.8	2.9	2.3	2.9	1.0	3.6	6.0	14.0	10.9
1998	186.8	142.3	20.1	41.2	0.7	0.7	150.3	79.1	2.7	3.2	2.8	1.1	3.4	7.4	8.7	7.8
1999	190.8	144.6	19.9	41.2	0.7	0.7	155.2	81.4	2.6	3.2	2.8	1.2	3.4	7.4	8.3	7.5
2000	202.6	149.3	17.0	35.5	0.6	0.7	169.5	89.8	2.4	3.3	2.3	0.9	2.5	5.2	10.6	11.4
2001	203.0	149.5	17.0	35.3	0.6	0.7	169.6	89.7	2.6	3.6	2.3	0.9	2.3	4.9	10.9	12.0
2002	156.1	139.9	14.4	31.0	0.7	0.8	122.1	77.6	1.9	3.3	3.1	1.3	3.4	7.5	12.7	16.0
2003	139.0	140.2	14.0	31.3	0.8	0.9	104.5	76.7	1.8	3.2	3.4	1.6	3.7	8.1	12.8	16.5
2004	174.0	188.7	23.2	52.0	1.3	1.7	128.4	95.4	2.3	5.2	4.2	1.8	4.4	11.1	12.7	18.9
2005	152.4	181.2	19.4	39.7	4.4	3.5	103.7	83.4	2.5	6.8	2.9	1.6	8.8	18.7	12.6	25.6

Source: Department of Climate Change, National Carbon Accounting System.

* There are no new data from the National Carbon Accounting System for 2006. Estimates for 2004 and 2005 are preliminary, and will be revised with the next update using the National Carbon Accounting System.

** "Conversion" refers to land areas where forest is cleared for agricultural and other purposes on lands not previously cleared; "Reclearing" refers to lands areas where forest is cleared on lands where a Conversion was previously identified.