Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio Department of Climate Change Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing-October 2008

6 JAN 2009

Written question reference: CC12(a-c)

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Cost of Government response

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Question 12a: (Senator Boswell)

What if any steps have been taken to estimate the costs of the government's response to climate change including the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme for every department, agency and program within this portfolio?

Question 12b: (Senator Boswell)

What are the costs and estimated costs identified (reported separately)?

Question 12c: (Senator Boswell)

Have any costs been included in forward estimates and if so where?

Answer:

The Department of Climate Change has not endeavoured to estimate the operations cost to the department under the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (the Scheme). The design of the Scheme has not been finalised at this time.