

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



Written question reference: CC21

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: National Strategy for Energy Efficiency

Hansard Page: Not relevant for written QoN

Question: (Senator Birmingham)

“When will the National Strategy for Energy Efficiency, due to be finalised by June 2009, actually start resulting in action?”

Answer:

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed on 2 October that “implementation of (a National Strategy for Energy Efficiency) will be finalised by June 2009, to ensure that programs assisting households and businesses to reduce their energy costs are in place prior to the introduction of the CPRS.” Coordinated national action to enhance Australian households’ and businesses’ energy efficiency will therefore be under way in 2009-10, prior to the commencement of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.