

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009**  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Topic:** CPRS Green Paper information sessions

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**Question:** (Senator Abetz)

**Dr Parkinson**—There were 2,170—

**Senator ABETZ**—Australians registered for the CPRS green paper information sessions. And do you know what, Dr Parkinson? That is the figure for all the capital cities.

**Dr Parkinson**—That is right.

**Senator ABETZ**—So why didn't you take into account the regional ones [in the climate change household action campaign evaluation report] and why did you just happen to skip over that as you were reading out the dot points?

**Dr Parkinson**—Why it is in here, I cannot tell you.

[...]

**Senator Wong**—We will find out. Perhaps we could take on notice why the data has been aggregated in that sense.

**Answer:**

The omission of data on the regional information sessions in the *Think Climate Think Change Campaign Evaluation Report* was an oversight in the compilation of data for the report. The report has been updated with the corrigendum at Attachment A, which is also available online at <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/about/~media/publications/about/corrigendum-climate-change-household-advertising-cprs-green-pdf.ashx>

**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme – Green Paper Regional Information Sessions  
Corrigendum to Climate Change Household Advertising Campaign Evaluation Report**

The Department of Climate Change consulted widely on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper.

A series of public information sessions were run across Australia in all capital cities and 11 regional centres being Latrobe Valley, Geelong, Whyalla, Kalgoorlie, Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Gladstone, Burnie, Wollongong and Newcastle. In total more than 400 people attended the regional information sessions.

These regional information sessions were complemented by the 22 public information sessions conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, which were held in the following locations:

- Griffith NSW
- Albury NSW
- Tamworth NSW
- Northam WA
- Margaret River WA
- Bendigo VIC
- Mildura VIC
- Mt Gambier SA
- Cleve SA
- Rockhampton QLD
- Mackay QLD
- Roma QLD

In addition, information sessions were followed by bilateral meetings with state government officials, peak organisations and companies.