

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Fifield

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Question:

1. What work has DPMC done measuring the impact of the Carbon tax on the voluntary sector and volunteers in particular?
2. What impact will the Carbon Tax have on the following:
 - a) On the number of volunteers and volunteering as a result of the increased cost of living under a carbon tax?
 - b) On the finances of the voluntary organisations and not-for-profits?
 - c) Service delivery for voluntary organisations and not-for-profits? Will these organisations have to reduce their services?
3. Will the National Volunteering Strategy look at the impact of the carbon tax on the voluntary sector?

Answer:

1. PM&C has not measured the impact of the Carbon Tax on the voluntary sector or volunteers.
2. It is expected that impacts on individuals and organisations will be addressed by the household assistance package and business programs.
3. No.