

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport**

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**Question: 95**

**Topic: Reducing Carbon Emissions**

**Asked By: Senator HUMPHRIES**

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**CHAIR:** Can you tell us what you are doing to reduce emissions into the future?

**Mr Loebenstein:** I will have to take that on notice. ...

**CHAIR:** It is only early days. I will make this my last question. If you use the right calculator, do you think you will get within the ballpark area where you could neutralise your costs?

**Mr Florian:** I will take that one on notice.

**Answer:**

We are working on a range of mechanisms to improve our energy efficiency. We regularly review each of our sites to determine the energy use and to try to identify any reductions that can be made. We have energy efficient lights and timers for the air-conditioning in our Acton headquarters. We have a documented plan and a range of mechanisms in place to reduce energy consumption where possible.

While the NFSA has a plan to reduce emissions, the unique nature of the national audiovisual collection, and the special storage conditions required to maintain it mean that we have to balance the desired outcome of reduced emissions with the long term stewardship of the collection. We will continue to implement energy savings measures, but it is not possible to say at this point when we may be able to neutralise our costs.