

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Estimates Question taken on Notice at the Hearing

No. 1

Asked on Thursday, 10 December 2020

MR O'CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

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How much carbon does Queensland emit, the most recent figure available, and how much has that changed in the past five years?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

State and territory greenhouse gas data is drawn from the National Greenhouse Accounts prepared and published by the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

The most recent figure available is from 2018, when Queensland's greenhouse gas emissions were 171.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, which is 8 per cent below 2005 levels. As the Australian Government's data is only available until 2018, a comprehensive outline for the last five years is not yet available.

The 2018 emissions data do not yet reflect the impact of an increase in renewable energy generation, as most of the growth in large scale wind and solar capacity occurred from 2018 onwards.