

Question on Notice
No. 1259
Asked on 16 September 2009

MR CHOI asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

QUESTION:

How is the government reducing its carbon footprint through its fleet vehicles?

ANSWER:

The QFleet ClimateSmart Action Plan 2007-2010 (the Action Plan), approved by Executive Government in December 2007, was developed specifically to reduce the carbon emissions from the QFleet fleet.

The Action Plan came into effect from 1 January 2008 and its primary objective has been a reduction in fleet carbon dioxide emissions of 15% by 31 December 2010, compared with a baseline of 30 June 2007.

The target has been achieved ahead of schedule, with emissions having been reduced by 15.8% by the end of August 2009.

One of the key strategies involved in QFleet's success has been the establishment of minimum emissions standards for vehicles in the fleet, based on the Australian Government's Green Vehicle Guide. Through a proactive vehicle replacement program and with support from all Government agencies, there has been a sustained shift to smaller, more fuel efficient passenger and light commercial vehicles. More than 91% of the fleet is now compliant with the minimum vehicle emissions standards.

Importantly, this has been achieved without compromising safety or operational efficiency.

The focus is now on achieving further emissions reductions, with a target of 25% by the end of 2012.

The successful implementation of the Action Plan is an example of the Government's environmental leadership, and complements the Government's 'Toward Q2' plan and 'ClimateQ: Toward a greener Queensland' strategy.