

Question on Notice

No. 1230

Asked on Friday, 28 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail the estimated emissions currently produced by the Department of Environment and Science (reported separately by service area)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Department of Environment and Science's total estimated greenhouse gas emissions for the 2020-21 financial year for electricity, fuel and air travel was 7,153.2 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. This represented approximately 0.6% of emissions from Queensland Government departments.

Emissions data is currently captured at department/agency level, not by service areas within departments.

In contrast to previous governments, this data is also freely available online and has been for a number of years.

It can be accessed at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/government-operations-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

The department has set a target for reaching net zero emissions by 2030 for departmental operations, with initial focus areas of purchasing renewable electricity, solar installations, vehicle fleet and carbon stores and offsets.