

Question on Notice

No. 358

Asked on Thursday, 30 March 2023

MR S ANDREW 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 advise (a) the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of Queensland's defence, aerospace and space technology sector over the past five years, (broken down by year) and (b) are all the climate emissions from this sector included in Queensland's annual CO2 emissions calculations?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Regarding Defence emissions, these emissions relate to a Federal Government department. This matter falls under the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Commonwealth Minister for Defence's portfolio. I refer the Member to the relevant Commonwealth Minister.

- (a) Regarding aerospace and space technology sector emissions. Detailed information for this sector is unavailable. Emissions are reported to the Commonwealth under the Commonwealth National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme.

Reporting emissions is only required if corporations and/or facilities meet certain emissions or electricity usage thresholds. Facility-based information is not made publicly available; however, there is no publicly available aggregate category for aerospace and space technology emissions, indicating that the industry's share of emissions is small or unknown.

- (b) Queensland's Greenhouse gas emissions are captured under the Commonwealth's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

As previously highlighted, specific aerospace and space technology sub-sectors are not available. Although it is assumed that these industries would be included in broader emissions categories – such as manufacturing and transport – in the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory, they are not specifically referred to in the National Inventory Report 2020 which details the methodology of the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory.