

Estimates Committee 2009
Questions Taken On Notice

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Sub Output: Whole of Government
Subject: Emission reductions - Channel Island & Weddell Power Stations

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Hon Alison Anderson
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Question: Minister, in relation to targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, how can one connect the reduction in energy consumption in your department, with a real and physical carbon reduction at the Channel Island and Weddell power stations?

Answer:
Answered On:
Answer: Any savings in NRETAS power use arising from buildings that it owns/occupies that draw power from the Darwin-Katherine grid result in a lower demand on the Channel Island-Weddell power stations, and therefore could be expected to result in a real and physical carbon reduction at the power stations. Whether demand on generation actually decreases or not is a function of demand on the entire grid, not just NRETAS electricity use.