

SECTORAL EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGIES

1507. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Climate Action:

I refer to the fact that the Cook government will soon launch its sectoral emissions reduction strategies document and this government's commitment to whole-of-economy emissions projections and modelling as part of the SERS process. I also refer to the Cook government's recent change of stance on emissions reduction due to Western Australia's unique role.

- (1) What are Western Australia's whole-of-economy emissions expected to be by 2030, according to SERS projections and modelling?
- (2) Were those modelling results a reason the Cook government no longer aspires to substantially reduce WA's whole-of-economy emissions by 2030?
- (3) Have these modelling results been formally communicated to the commonwealth government?
- (4) If no to (3), will they be?
- (5) Will the government commit to release the modelling and projections for the SERS; and, if so, when?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Climate Action, I provide the following answer.

- (1)–(5) The policy development for the sectoral emissions reduction strategies has been informed by projections of Western Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, as well as energy systems modelling of least-cost pathways for emissions reduction to ensure that the SERS is robust and evidence-based. The SERS is subject to cabinet consideration and modelling is therefore cabinet-in-confidence. Final decisions on the SERS package and analysis undertaken as part of the SERS are subject to further cabinet deliberations. The Western Australian government has worked closely with the commonwealth government to ensure that state-based modelling incorporates the impact of national measures, such as the effect of Rewiring the Nation and the reforms to the Australian government's safeguard mechanism. The Western Australian government is in regular discussions with commonwealth officials to ensure that the characteristics of the state's energy sector and emissions-intensive industries are well understood and national measures respond to the unique needs of Western Australia.

The Cook government is acting now to reduce emissions to 2030 and beyond. The government is taking steps to substantially decarbonise the state's main electricity grid through additional funding for Western Power to start delivery of the first stage of network investments identified in the *SWIS demand assessment*. The SERS will include additional commitments to reduce emissions across all sectors of the economy.