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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Thursday, 24 November 2011

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

With regard to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's statements in the Fourth Assessment Report 2007 that:

"Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice and rising global average sea level."

And

"Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic GHG concentrations."

And

"Many impacts can be reduced, delayed or avoided by mitigation...Delayed emission reductions significantly constrain the opportunities to achieve lower stabilisation levels and increase the risk of more severe climate change impacts."

- (1) Does the Premier agree with the above statements?
- (2) If not, why not?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response

- (1)-(2) The Government supports prudent but sensible actions to control greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the potential effects of climate change and move toward a less-carbon intensive economy.

The Government has promoted the use of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) to play a greater part as a clean fuel by approving or advancing the development of several key LNG projects in the north west and Kimberley.

The Indian Ocean Climate Initiative, which commenced in 1998 with the support of the then Coalition Government, is a research partnership between the Western Australian government, CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology. It continues to provide high quality scientific knowledge to support government, industry and community decision-making to facilitate adaptation to climate variability and change.

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