

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

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**Tuesday, 29 November 2011**

5038. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

With reference to the declining budget for coordinating the response to climate change over the coming years, I ask -

- (1) Will this Government commit to increasing or at the very least maintaining funding levels for coordinating the response to climate change?
- (2) Does the Minister intend to retain the current climate change unit with current staffing levels within the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (3) If no to (1) or (2), why not?
- (4) When will the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy be released?
- (5) What is the current progress on the development of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy?

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**Answer**

The Minister for Environment provides the following response:

- (1)-(3) The 2012/13 budget process is currently underway and the Government will consider the future budget for coordinating the response to climate change as part of that process.
- (4)-(5) A draft Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy is currently being considered by the Government. The Government has not made a decision on its release.

