

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Question On Notice

Wednesday, 18 September 2019

2488. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

On Thursday, 22 August 2019 the Perth Climate Action Team held the Burning Globe Awards for the “2019 WA Polluter award” and found that Chevron were the largest polluter in this State. This data was gathered from the “Safeguard facility reported emissions 2017–18”. This prompts me to ask, what are the Western Australian current CO₂e emissions, as understood by the Minister's Department, emanating from the corporations and facilities below:

- (a) Chevron as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (b) Woodside Energy as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (c) Apache as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (d) BHP Iron Ore as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (e) BHP Alumina as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (f) BHP Petroleum as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (g) Rio Tinto as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (h) Fortescue Metals Group as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (i) Wesfarmers Ltd as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (j) Yara as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (k) Roy Hill Holdings as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (l) Alcoa of Australia Ltd as a corporation operating in Western Australia;
- (m) the operations of the Chevron facilities on Barrow Island:
 - (i) Gorgon Project; and
 - (ii) WA Oil Operations;
- (n) the operations of the Chevron Wheatstone (LNG) hub;
- (o) the operations of the North West Shelf JV project hub;
- (p) the operations of the Yara Fertiliser plant;
- (q) the operations of the Yara Technical Ammonia plant;
- (r) in relation to (a) - (q), if the Minister cannot provide the information, why not; and
- (s) in relation to (a) - (q), if yes:
 - (i) where is that data held or sourced from; and
 - (ii) when was that data provided?

Answer

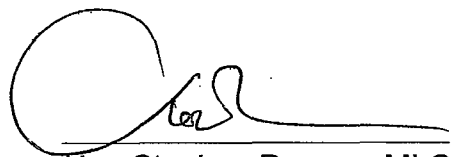
(a) – (q) The “Safeguard facility reported emissions 2017–18” is released by the Commonwealth Clean Energy Regulator and based on reported CO₂-e emissions from corporations and facilities required to report under the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* (NGER Act). The Commonwealth NGER Act provides a single national framework for reporting and disseminating company information about greenhouse gas emissions, energy production, energy consumption and other information specified under that legislation.

(r) Greenhouse and energy information reported to the Clean Energy Regulator and provided upon request to the Western Australian Government under the NGER Act is confidential, and this information cannot be disclosed to third parties.

The Clean Energy Regulator publishes information about registered corporations as well as information about facilities covered by the Australian Government's Safeguard Mechanism, which applies to facilities with direct (scope 1) emissions over 100 000 tonnes CO₂-e per annum.

"Safeguard facility emissions reported for 2017-18", including baseline emissions in force, direct scope 1 emissions, and the responsible emitter(s) for each facility is publically available from the Clean Energy Regulator and can be accessed through its website.

(s) Not applicable

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DISABILITY SERVICES; ELECTORAL AFFAIRS**