



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
Ms Leanne Castley (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr (Deputy Chair), Mr Johnathan Davis MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Friday, 29 October 2021

Asked by LEANNE CASTLEY MLA on 20 OCTOBER 2021: TARA CHEYNE MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: I have a quick supplementary, what are the legislated targets driving this transition off gas, minister?

TARA CHEYNE MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The ACT's legislated emissions reduction targets are set out in the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010* and relate to the combined total of all sources of emissions which includes gas, transport, waste, industrial emissions and land use change. The legislated targets are to reduce emissions (from 1990 levels) by:

- 40% by 2020
- 50–60% by 2025
- 65–75% by 2030
- 90–95% by 2040
- 100% (net zero emissions) by 2045.

The ACT has not adopted specific sectoral targets. Annual reporting of the Territory's greenhouse gas emissions provides important information of the sources of the Territory's emissions. This information supports Government in targeting their efforts to reduce emissions accordingly. In 2019-20, fossil fuel gas was the second largest source of emissions, accounting for 20% of total emissions.

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By the Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tara Cheyne MLA