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Senator Ruston asked:

Senator RUSTON: That is not quite what I was asking. What I was saying is that there is no requirement for South Australia to find the water by reducing the amount of water that they take out of their rolling average otherwise, because I believe they have a large rolling average over the 10 or five years; it is 150 or 130 gigalitres or whatever. You are not requesting them to take this amount of water out of that rolling average; they can get it wherever they like. That is basically what you are saying.

Ms Harwood: I think it comes from the South Australian Murray diversions, but other than that—again I will take it on notice—I do not believe it prescribes where that water comes from inside that.

Answer:

The Implementation Plan does not prescribe where the water comes from.