

Environment and Communications Legislation
Answers to questions on notice
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Portfolio

Inquiry: Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023
Question No: IQ23-000298
Hearing Date: 01 November 2023
Division/Agency: Water Policy Division
Topic: WESA funding
Question Date: 31 October 2023
Question Type: Written

Senator Grogan asked:

1. Are you able to please provide a breakdown of the funding that is currently available in the WESA?

Answer:

The table shows a funding breakdown for programs delivered through the Water for the Environment Special Account.

Program	Total Funds	Spent	Unspent
Off-farm Efficiency Program	1,543	299	1,244
Constraints measures	200	72	128
Commonwealth On-Farm Further Irrigation Efficiency program	13	13	-
Water Efficiency Program	12	12	1
Other projects and activities	6	4	2
Total	1,775	400	1,375

Notes:

All figures are shown in \$ million, rounded to the nearest million.

Figures under \$500,000 shown as ~. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

‘Total Funds’ based on position at 2023–24 Budget for administered appropriation managed through the Water for the Environment Special Account. This excludes Departmental appropriation supporting delivery of these programs.

‘Spent’ as of 30 June 2023.

‘Unspent’ as of 30 June 2023 covers contracted and uncontracted funds.