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Environment portfolio

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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: Perhaps we could have a list of all of the bodies, some of which the minister has just alluded to, that do exist and when they have met. Also, in relation to this informal minister's meeting, if we can have on notice a list of when that particular body, whatever it is known as—

Dr de Brouwer: It is an environment ministers meeting.

Senator SINGH: has met since the abolition of SCEW.

Dr de Brouwer: Certainly.....

Dr de Brouwer: The one this week will be the second. We will come back—

Senator SINGH: With a list of all of the other bodies as well.

Dr de Brouwer: There are other formal bodies under legislation, including the National Environmental Protection Council and a broad range of others.

Senator SINGH: And all of those bodies that this department participates in?

Dr de Brouwer: Yes, Senator.

Answer:

The details for forums held between 1 October 2014 and 31 January 2015 are outlined in the table below:

Body	Date of forum
Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum	17 October 2014
Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council	17 October 2014
Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Forum	3 December 2014
Natural Heritage Ministerial Board	No meetings held
National Environment and Protection Council	No meetings held
Wet Tropics Ministerial Council	No meetings held

The details for meetings of Environment Ministers held since the abolition of SCEW are outlined in the table below:

Body	Dates of forum
Meeting of Environment Ministers	29 April 2014
	27 February 2015