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Senator Simms asked:

The CEWH costs about \$30 million for fees, delivery costs and monitoring with costs rising to \$40 million per year by 2024 as further water is recovered. Furthermore, the CEWH requires departmental funding of \$9.2 million for staff and suppliers in 2015-16, rising to about \$11 million per annum once full allocations of water are recovered. Can the Department confirm that the CEWH will be funded according to these cost estimates to ensure that the agency can continue to operate competently?

Answer:

No. Funding arrangements for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder are a matter for the Australian Government to consider through the Budget process.