

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Program: Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)
Topic: Forecasts
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Senator Roberts asked:

How can the Senate be assured that these forecasts be more accurate than the ones which resulted in the DeSal plants?

Answer:

As Australia's national weather, climate and water agency, decisions to fund desalination plants are not part of the responsibilities of the Bureau of Meteorology.