

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

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

Question No: 275
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Agency
Program: Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)
Topic: Desalination costs
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Question Date: 6 March 2017
Question Type: Written

Senator Roberts asked:

Are the Australian taxpayers satisfied with the wasted Billions in desalination costs for not a drop of water?

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.