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Senator Urquhart asked:

Is the Government on track to deliver an agreement with other Basin Governments on the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism by 30 June 2016? What are the current and emerging risks to that process at the moment?

Answer:

Yes, the Australian Government is on track to deliver an agreement with other Basin Governments on the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism by 30 June 2016.

Governments are currently working with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to develop the final package of projects under the adjustment.

At the 29 May 2015 meeting of the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council, Ministers agreed to commission a stocktake of progress to date in the development of the government projects to be considered under the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism. Ministers agreed to meet again in August to consider the outcome of the stocktake and to review progress.