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Senator Urquhart asked:

What methodology will the Department be using to measure its success at achieving a domestic water saving of at least 100,000 megalitres through national water efficiency labelling next financial year?

Answer:

The Department of the Environment commissioned independent expert advice from the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney, to evaluate the water savings likely to result from the continued uptake of water efficient products associated with the national Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme. The projected annual savings are estimated by using industry sales data to determine the water use of newly purchased products and then calculating reduced water use in comparison to a base case prior to the introduction of the scheme.