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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Can you give us an idea of when the full government response to Water Act will be released yet?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government published and tabled the *Report of the Independent Review of the Water Act 2007* (the Report) in the Senate on 19 December 2014.

The Government has stated it will respond to the Report in full in the coming months.

Coinciding with the tabling of the report, the Australian Government accepted two recommendations made by the Expert Panel (recommendations 11 and 18).

These recommendations relate to reviews of water charge regulation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and water information collected by various bodies with powers under the Water Act. These reviews are well underway.