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Senator Urquhart asked:

Is the Department on track to implement national water efficiency labelling? What are the risks to that process?

Answer:

The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme is a joint government and industry programme which was implemented in 2005. The WELS scheme is administered by the Commonwealth but is a cooperative arrangement between the Australian Government and State and Territory governments.

The WELS scheme has been highly successful in reducing domestic water use and fostering the uptake of efficient water using and water saving products.

The WELS scheme was reviewed by an Independent reviewer in 2010 and a further review of the WELS scheme commenced in late 2014, to be delivered to Government around mid 2015.