Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Senator Waters asked:

1. Subsequent the Independent Review of the Product Stewardship [PS](Oil) Act in 2013, is the government working on a response?

2. What is the timeframe?

Answer:

In response to the third independent review of the *Product Stewardship for Oil Act 2000*, the Government responded to the most substantive aspect to be addressed by announcing in the 2014-15 Budget that to restore the Product Stewardship for Oil scheme to budget neutrality the levy collected under the programme would increase from 5.449 to 8.5 cents per litre of oil. The increase to the levy commenced on 1 July 2014.

The Government is considering the remaining recommendations of the review and will take into account views raised by stakeholders in formulating its response, which is expected early in 2015-16.