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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Senator RHIANNON: I was after which international agreements are relevant to the Murray-Darling Basin and relevant water resource issues that Australia is a signatory to?

Senator Birmingham: Principally, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands; I think desertification might be sited in—

Mr Thompson: Conventional biological diversity.

Senator Birmingham: We can take on notice to provide any further details.

Answer:

1. International agreements relevant to the Murray-Darling Basin are prescribed in section 4 of the *Water Act 2007* (Water Act). These are:
 - a. The Ramsar Convention
 - b. The Biodiversity Convention
 - c. The Desertification Convention
 - d. The Bonn Convention
 - e. China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
 - f. Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
 - g. Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
 - h. The Climate Change Convention