

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

How does it monitor BOM's expenditure of \$430.5 million to 'improve water information' within the Murray-Darling Basin? Where is the evidence of 'improved water information'?

**Answer:**

For the reasons given in the answer to question 168, the department does not monitor expenditure by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Progress made by the Bureau of Meteorology in improving Australia's water information is described in publications of the Bureau.