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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

The National Water Commission was given \$214 million to 'raise national standards'. What does this mean? What are these standards and have they been raised? How does the department determine this?

**Answer:**

For the reasons given in the answer to Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 QoN 168, the Department does not determine the outcome of programmes administered by the National Water Commission.

Information on the outcomes of the Raising National Water Standards programme is available from the annual reports and other publications of the National Water Commission.