

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

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Senator Xenophon asked:

Can the Department provide information on any actual water savings that have been returned to the environment under the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program to date?

Answer:

Table One: Volume of water entitlements transferred from Rounds One, Two and Three of the On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program and registered with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder as at 12 November 2014

Round	Victoria (ML)	South Australia (ML)	New South Wales (ML)	Total (ML)
1	6,817.7	355.6	25,511.9	32,685.2
2	14,770.9	2,865.5	20,114.0	37,750.4
3	7,944.7	5,487.5	16,823.4	30,255.6
Total (ML)	29,533.3	8,708.6	62,449.3	100,691.2

All water transfers from irrigators to the Commonwealth as a part of Rounds One and Two have been completed. There is a further volume of 57.7 megalitres of water transfers from irrigators to the Commonwealth as a part of Round Three that are not yet registered with the Commonwealth. The process to transfer water entitlements as a part of Round Four has commenced as at 12 November 2014 however no transfers have been completed.