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**Senator Rhiannon asked:**

May I have details of any modelling the Department or the MDBA has done on the availability and the cost of recovering water through efficiency projects through the SDL adjustment process to take place in 2016?

**Answer:**

The conditions for efficiency projects are currently being developed in line with the relevant section in the Water Act, to provide clarity to the Commonwealth and state governments in developing proposals for the SDL adjustment mechanism.

Efficiency measures will involve the funding of infrastructure to improve the efficiency of the consumptive use of water, for example through improving irrigation efficiency on farms with a return of the water savings to the Commonwealth and a neutral or improved socio-economic outcome.