Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

(EBAs)

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.

- 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.
- 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

Answer:

Department of the Environment

- 1. Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Enterprise Agreement 2011–2014.
- 2. Starting on 5 December 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- 3. The Department commenced bargaining on 13 May 2014 and has had nine bargaining committee meetings. Negotiations are continuing.

Bureau of Meteorology

- 1. The Bureau of Meteorology Enterprise Agreement 2011–2014.
- 2. Starting on 22 December 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- 3. The Bureau is actively engaged in the bargaining process.

Clean Energy Regulator

- The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency 2011–14 Enterprise
 Agreement; and the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator 2011–14 Enterprise
 Agreement.
- The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency 2011–14 Enterprise
 Agreement starting on 19 December 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014. The Office of
 the Renewable Energy Regulator 2011–14 Enterprise Agreement starting on
 30 September 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- 3. The Clean Energy Regulator is continuing to engage in the bargaining process.

Climate Change Authority

- 1. Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Enterprise Agreement 2011–14.
- 2. Starting on 19 December 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- 3. The Climate Change Authority has not commenced negotiations for a new agreement due to the planned abolition of the Authority.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- 1. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Enterprise Agreement 2011–2014.
- 2. Starting on 17 November 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- 3. Currently in negotiations.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

- 1. Murray-Darling Basin Authority Enterprise Agreement 2011–2014.
- 2. Starting on 24 August 2011 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- 3. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority commenced bargaining on 13 May 2014. As at 30 September 2014, the MDBA had conducted five Enterprise Agreement bargaining meetings and negotiations are continuing.

National Water Commission

- 4. The National Water Commission Enterprise Agreement 2012–2014.
- 5. Starting on 30 November 2012 and expiring on 30 June 2014.
- The Commission has not commenced negotiations for a new agreement due to the Government's decision to abolish the Commission with the proposed cessation of its operations on 31 December 2014.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

- 1. The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Enterprise Agreement 2012.
- 2. Starting on 8 August 2012 and expiring on 1 July 2015.
- 3. No new negotiations underway as yet.