

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Are you expecting an announcement in MYEFO? So you have known that you require more funding for a number of years but the announcement will be made 6 months / 1 year before your funding ends?

**Answer:**

Funding for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, including the timing of Budget consideration, is a matter for the Government.

Under the 2016-17 Budget process the Government provided the Office with Departmental appropriation for the 2016-17 financial year. This allocation brought the Office in line with the existing funding arrangements for other Commonwealth water functions.

Funding for 2017-18 and beyond is being considered in the 2016-17 MYEFO process.