

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

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

When was the last budget allocation made? Why did the government not make a funding commitment earlier?

Answer:

Under the 2016-17 Budget process the Government provided the Commonwealth Environmental Water 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.