

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: National Water Commission**

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**Senator EGGLESTON asked:**

1. The budget does not allocate any more money to the National Water Commission after 2012 because of sunset provisions in its legislation. What are the future plans for the National Water Commission, and who will undertake the audits of the Basin Plan if its role is not extended beyond 2012?

**Answer:**

The following answer was provided by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

A review of the ongoing role and functions of the National Water Commission will be undertaken during 2011, as required by Section 38 of the National Water Commission Act 2004 and Schedule C of the National Water Initiative. That review will address any necessary future institutional arrangements.