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Senator: Birmingham

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Question:

Dr Schreier: There is a section within my division which covers the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities as a line agency. That includes taking the PM&C's perspective on water policy.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thank you, Dr Schreier. Has there been any particular expansion or establishment of a unit there that does relate to water policy issues in the last year or two?

Dr Schreier: I have been in the department under a year myself, but the size of that section of my division has been broadly constant over that time. To go back earlier than that I would have to take on notice.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay

Answer:

Please refer to the answer given to question 16.