

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-24 – 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

**CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER PORTFOLIO – SPILLOVER HEARING**

<b>QoNNo.</b>	<b>DepartmentOrAgency</b>	<b>PortfolioQoNNo.</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>BroadTopic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>HansardPage</b>
340	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001638	Jonathon Duniam	Mixed cardboard and exports fees and charges	<p>Senator DUNIAM: Moving onto fees and charges, is the government still going to introduce new fees and charges from 1 July next year as part of the proposal for mixed cardboard and exports?</p> <p>Ms Bird: That's currently the scheduled time frame for the introduction of cost recovery.</p> <p>Senator DUNIAM: Is it still the government's intention to go down that path? What is the latest total co- funding dollar figure across Australia, through the Recycling Modernisation Fund, broken down by each state and territory's amount of co- funding respectively?</p> <p>Ms Bird: Give me a moment and I will look for that. I do have that on hand.</p> <p>Senator DUNIAM: In the interests of time, could you take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Bird: Yes.</p>	3

341	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001657	Peter Whish-Wilson	Domestic processing of paper and cardboard	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: In relation to the 2024 paper and cardboard regulations that are scheduled to commence on 1 July next year, does the department have any idea at this stage whether there will be sufficient capacity for domestic processing to meet contamination requirements by July 2024?</p> <p>Ms Lynch: The department is still in the process of finalising the rules associated with the export of paper and cardboard, so those rules are yet to be finalised and released by government. We have, as part of that process and part of the briefing advice that we are providing to government to determine those rules, been looking at processing capacity, and there is certainly a large volume of processing capacity already in place in Australia. Your question goes specifically to the level of contamination and whether facilities will have the ability to meet certain requirements. Because the requirements have not yet been landed, it's a bit early to determine that, but it's something that we can certainly come back to you on once the rules have been landed.</p>	4
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342	Threatened Species Scientific Committee	SQ23-001639	Karen Grogan	Number of threatened species listing made	<p>CHAIR: Welcome, Professor Helene Marsh, Chair of the Threatened Species Scientific Committee. I have a couple of questions. How many listings of threatened species have you made in your 13 years as chair?</p> <p>Prof. Marsh: I don't know. I can say that the work that we've done since the fires is going to represent about 20 per cent of the listings that have been made under the EPBC Act and about 10 per cent of the total listings under the act, but I haven't actually added up how many in my time as chair.</p> <p>CHAIR: Maybe you can take that on notice for us.</p> <p>Prof. Marsh: I'll take that on notice.</p>	5
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343	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001640	Janet Rice	Swift parrot recovery plan	<p>Senator RICE: Can I ask Mr Knudson, then: since that plan was signed off in November 2020, have there been changes made to that plan between then and then what has now been released to the states?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I don't know the details on that particular piece, but I do remember that Ms Kennedy, when we were here last, did outline a number of the steps that had taken place. I'm very happy to come back on notice and give the details on those steps. But, because the officials beyond me aren't here for this, because this is about the Threatened Species Scientific Committee, we're not very well positioned to support you in giving you really robust answers to questions dealing with that outcome.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I'm very confused then, because two weeks ago Dr Kiessling said:</p> <p>If we compare the draft that went out for public consultation and the draft that has been endorsed by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee, the changes that were made were primarily in terms of adding to the detail around the habitat critical to the survival of the species. ... There were no substantive changes to the actions.</p> <p>Is the draft that was endorsed by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee the draft as of November 2020?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: That's my understanding. What I'm suggesting, just to make sure I don't mislead, is to come back from the draft that was prepared in November 2020 all the way to the advice that Dr</p>	5.6
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					<p>Kiessling gave and walk through what the steps were that occurred so that it's really clear what happened between the Threatened Species Scientific Committee's consideration and where we're up to at this point.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay.</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I understand your point. I think you're asking what happened in the last three years, and what I'm suggesting is I can come back with that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: There was a version of the plan that was released under FOI, which there were comments on in September this year. A member of the recovery team, Dr Dejan Stojanovic, criticised the plan for focusing too heavily on predation rather than addressing the real threat to the species, which is native forest logging. He told the Guardian that the plan was a 'lost opportunity'. He said: Despite mountains of evidence that logging in Tasmania is the key threat to swift parrots, this government is trying to scapegoat a tiny possum ... Was that version of the plan the version that was signed off on by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: Again, I'm very happy to come back and give an indication of what you're talking about- feedback in September, how that was taken into account and where we're up to today.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I just want to have some clarity. This was released under FOI as a draft plan. It was reported that it was the final version of the plan. So</p>	
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					<p>it seems that the plan that Dr Stojanovic signed off on was indeed the plan that the Threatened Species Scientific Committee signed off on as the final plan in November 2020.</p> <p>Mr Knudson: Again, we do not have the right officials here to provide details with respect to the department, but I'm very happy to come back and make sure that we're as clear as possible on what happened between the Threatened Species Scientific Committee considering this in November 2020 and today.</p>	
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344	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001644	Jonathon Duniam	Environmental Defenders Office funding	<p>Senator DUNIAM: ... I have a final question to either the secretary or the minister in relation to the issue that has emerged, which has catalysed the more recent public commentary on this issue. One of the correspondents with the minister who have put in their request for this to be reviewed is the Environmental Defenders Office. That is the same Environmental Defenders Office that has received funding from the Commonwealth government-is that right?</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: I'm at the limit of my knowledge on answering that, but I'm very happy to take it on notice.</p>	7
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345	Threatened Species Scientific Committee	SQ23-001643	Jonathon Duniam	Committee visits to Bathurst Harbour	Senator DUNIAM: If I can move to Bathurst Harbour, how many times since the start of 2022 have the committee or members of the committee been to that location, on notice? Prof. Marsh: We can take that on notice. Sorry, I don't have the answer to that.	7
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346	Threatened Species Scientific Committee	SQ23-001642	Jonathon Duniam	Committee's visits to Macquarie Harbour	<p>Senator DUNIAM: In relation to the skate in Macquarie Harbour in Tasmania, has the committee travelled to Macquarie Harbour to examine the situation down there? If so, how many times and what was the last date on which you were in Macquarie Harbour?</p> <p>Prof. Marsh: I have been to Macquarie Harbour once, in a private capacity, but we do have a member of the scientific committee who is an expert in sharks and rays, and he's on the recovery team. He's based in Tasmania. I haven't asked him how many times he's been to Macquarie Harbour, to be honest, but I can say that the committee is brought up to date about that situation, and I think having a member on the recovery team who is an expert is very useful for keeping the committee informed of the situation.</p> <p>Senator DUNIAM: On notice, you might just provide us details on that member of the committee's site visits to Macquarie Harbour.</p>	7
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347	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001645	Peter Whish-Wilson	Maugean Skate and the salmon industry	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: ... What's the next step? Perhaps this is better directed to you, Mr Knudson or Mr Fredericks. If the minister, in her letter, says that, depending on where the Commonwealth lands with their legal advice, they may have to pause salmon farming in the harbour this summer, what does that mean exactly? Have you gone into that kind of detail yet?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: No. Again, I think this was canvassed with the regulatory arm of the department at the last estimates.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: It was.</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I think we walked through what the various steps were from a generic standpoint. I think we also committed to come back on notice with even more detail.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Has there been discussion with the salmon industry on this particular-</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: I don't think we can say much more than what Mr Knudson said. I know you respect that. We'll come back to you on sufficient notice, because these are important questions. We'll do the right thing by you and take that on notice.</p>	9
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348	Threatened Species Scientific Committee	SQ23-001641	Jonathon Duniam	Number of interactions between TSSC and Minister	<p>Senator DUNIAM: How many times has the minister attended a meeting with the full membership of the Threatened Species Scientific Committee?</p> <p>Prof. Marsh: The minister has met with the full committee once-I think on 5 September.</p> <p>Senator DUNIAM: Your date recall is amazing.</p> <p>Prof. Marsh: Well, I did anticipate that you may be asking me that. I also met with the minister in July 2022 and on two other occasions. I'd like to point out that actual formal meetings are only part of the interaction between the committee, the ministers and the minister's office. I have also had a number of telephone calls with the minister's office, and they have been very helpful. We have quite a lot of business correspondence with the minister. I've been in Canberra this week for a meeting with the Threatened Species Scientific Committee. We get a record of correspondence, and I have counted 17 letters from the minister in response to our advice about various things in the last six weeks. So you can see we have a lot of interaction with the minister and her office.</p> <p>Senator DUNIAM: Very good. On notice, could you provide to us a record of those interactions-formal meetings, formal correspondence and informal as well, as you've alluded to?</p> <p>Prof. Marsh: Yes.</p>	6.7
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349	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001653	Peter Whish-Wilson	Emperor Penguins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the status of the emperor penguin colonies?</li> <li>2. Has any modelling or scientific analysis been undertaken in relation to weather patterns and possible impacts on the emperor penguin colonies over the next 3-6 months?</li> <li>3. What information is there about the risks of bird flu to the emperor penguin population? How is this being monitored?</li> <li>4. In 2016, there were similar concerns about bird flu coming to the Antarctic. How was that managed/monitored at the time? What differences are there now that may exacerbate the situation?</li> </ol>	Written
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350	Threatened Species Scientific Committee	SQ23-001655	Peter Whish-Wilson	Maugean Skate	<p>On 24 October, CEO of Salmon Tasmania, Luke Martin, stated:</p> <p>"There are absolutely no guarantees that taking the easy route and blaming salmon will help to save the skate."</p> <p>There have been separate statements, from State Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Labor Opposition spokesperson Janie Finlay, during October 2023, which have supported the Salmon Industry.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What kind of impact does it have on the work of the TSSC when people in positions of authority openly express science denialism?</li> <li>2. What kind of impact does it have on the work of the TSSC when people in elected positions of authority do not explicitly back science?</li> <li>3. Is the TSSC aware of a circumstance in the past, where scientific concerns were raised about the safety/status of a threatened species, with advice made to increase the rating of concern, but were so actively dismissed in public?</li> <li>4. Salmon Tasmania has claimed that it has raised concerns about the decline in the Maugean skate for "some time"? Prior to this year, what conversations is the TSSC aware of where concerns about the Maugean skate were raised by the salmon industry in Tasmania?</li> <li>5. What information can the TSSC give in relation to Maugean skate numbers in Macquarie Harbour?</li> <li>6. It has been noted that further information is expected from IMAS about population; has that information been provided? If not, when can it be</li> </ol>	Written
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					<p>expected?</p> <p>7. What further work is being undertaken in respect of analysing Bathurst Harbour?</p> <p>8. The latest communique from the Recovery Team for the Maugean skate (dated 12th October) did not reference the Conservation Action Plan. What is the progress with this plan? Was the plan discussed in the 9th October meeting?</p> <p>9. How was the Australian Government Conservation Advice used in the meeting on 9th October to inform discussion?</p> <p>10. Was there a discussion about whether or not to reference the significant impact of the salmon aquaculture industry on dissolved oxygen levels in Macquarie Harbour? If so, did Salmon Tasmania recuse themselves as required under the Terms of Reference?</p> <p>11. Is the TSSC aware of any concerns being raised by Salmon Tasmania about the numbers of Maugean skate, prior to May 2023?</p> <p>12. Has TSSC undertaken any modelling for what would happen to oxygen levels if the salmon aquaculture industry was to cease operations immediately?</p>	
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351	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001654	Peter Whish-Wilson	Sea ice	<p>A key researcher, Dr Andrew Klekociuk has recently warned that it is possible that we could experience sea level rises of as much as five meters this century.</p> <p>1. What are some of the dramatic changes we are seeing in Antarctica in the last period that reinforce the dire prospects we are seeing from Antarctica?</p>	Written
352	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001650	Peter Whish-Wilson	Baled tyres	<p>In December 2020 the Federal Government legislated an export ban on whole baled tyres being shipped offshore. It's been suggested these used tyres went to developing countries and very poor disposal outcomes to their environment's and communities.</p> <p>1. What concerns has the Department received that this law is being continually breached and that bales of tyres are still being exported?</p> <p>2. What has the response been to these concerns? According to the used-tyre recycling industry there is a complete lack of enforcement of this ban, which is additionally to the detriment of the local industry that has invested significant capital in ensuring compliance with these laws and are being undercut by these rogue operators.</p> <p>3. What steps is the Commonwealth Government taking to enforce these laws?</p> <p>4. What data is available to quantify government action? (e.g. fines, prosecutions etc.)</p>	Written

353	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001656	Jonathon Duniam	Recycling Modernisation Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Recycling Modernisation Fund projects in total have been approved – and what are the specific breakdowns of those numbers, by State and Territory?</li> <li>2. How much funding, in total, has been committed, and spent, respectively through the Recycling Modernisation Fund program – and what are the specific breakdowns of those numbers, by State and Territory?</li> <li>3. How many Recycling Modernisation Fund projects in total are still awaiting assessment, and on what date was the most longstanding of those applications submitted?</li> <li>4. On 13 November 2023, Ms Plibersek claimed in a tweet that the Federal Government has "boosted our recycling capacity by an extra 1.3 million tonnes per year". On what specific reference, or source of data, was this claim based?</li> <li>5. In the same tweet, she said that "we're creating more than 3000 jobs in recycling". On what specific reference, or source of data, was this claim based?</li> </ol>	Written
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354	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001652	Peter Whish-Wilson	Paper and Cardboard regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed 2024 Paper and Cardboard Regulations are scheduled to commence on July 1 next year. Are these on track for that date and what is the final agreed export limits proposed for specifications?</li> <li>2. Have all the announcements of funding recycling infrastructure being achieved? If not, why not, and when will all these be completed?</li> <li>3. What progression has been made to develop Material Recovery Facilities?</li> <li>4. Which countries has Australia sent paper and cardboard waste to?</li> <li>5. What evidence does the Australian government have that paper and cardboard waste has been recycled into new products?</li> </ol>	Written
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355	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001651	Peter Whish-Wilson	Packaging and waste	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current processing capacity for material recovery in Australia?</li> <li>2. What modeling or analysis is available to give predictions of growth over time (e.g.by 2030)?</li> <li>3. What scope of mandating obligations, as set out in the November communique, have been considered in the modelling discussed with industry and governments?</li> <li>4. Will this modelling be released?</li> <li>5. The Minister warned the fashion industry earlier this year that they might be facing serious regulation. Will the same warning be given to the packaging industry, or will a mandatory code definitely be imposed?</li> <li>6. What measures of best practice for eco-design have been used? To what degree is design focus on preventing products entering the cycle, as opposed to recycling or reusing?</li> <li>7. What modelling has been taken in respect of the capacity of the recycling industry to manage packaging waste? What is the gap between capacity and anticipated waste by, say 2030?</li> <li>8. Which countries has Australia sent plastic waste to?</li> <li>9. What types and volumes of plastic have been sent to these countries?</li> <li>10. How much soft plastic packaging waste has been exported?</li> <li>11. Which countries have received these soft plastic packaging waste imports?</li> <li>12. What evidence does the Australian government</li> </ol>	Written
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					<p>have that soft plastic packaging waste has been recycled into new products?</p> <p>13. What evidence does the Australian government have that plastic waste exports in general have been recycled into new products?</p>	
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356	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001659	Hollie Hughes	Feasibility Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many water infrastructure feasibility studies has the National Water Grid Fund (NWGF) and its predecessor the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF) funded and at what cost by year to date? How does that look for northern Australia?</li> <li>2. How many of these involved repurposing or upgrading existing water infrastructure assets?</li> <li>3. How many of those water infrastructure feasibility studies progressed to detailed business cases funded by NWGA through the DWGF or NWIDF and at what cost - by year to date? What about northern Australia?</li> <li>4. How many of these involved repurposing or upgrading existing water infrastructure assets? Can you identify them?</li> <li>5. How many of those water infrastructure detailed business cases produced attractive economics and recommended proceeding to construction - by year to date?</li> <li>6. How many of these involved repurposing or upgrading existing water infrastructure assets? Can you identify them?</li> <li>7. How many of those recommendations have been acted on, with water infrastructure projects having started construction - by year to date?</li> <li>8. How many of these involved repurposing or upgrading existing water infrastructure assets? Can you identify them?</li> <li>9. How many of those water infrastructure projects have been completed and are now operating?</li> </ol>	Written
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					<p>10. How are the operating projects performing individually and in aggregate, for example in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. water volume storage capacity</li> <li>b. projected annual water yield?</li> <li>c. annual water volumes supplied from the water infrastructure?</li> <li>d. annual water volumes, net of transmission losses, reaching end users and used productively?</li> <li>e. annual economic contribution from use of the water?</li> <li>f. how much regional economic development in remote areas has this produced?</li> <li>g. long-term sustainable direct employment generated?</li> <li>i. indigenous employment?</li> <li>ii. ex-defence force personnel?</li> </ul> <p>11. Wouldn't it be possible for the level of investment required for repurposing and upgrading existing water infrastructure to be less than that required for new greenfield water infrastructure projects and for the economic metrics to be more attractive - for example lower amortised cost of water supplied per unit volume?</p> <p>12. Is it possible that more projects could advance from feasibility study to construction and operation by giving consideration to projects where repurposing or upgrading of existing infrastructure might be possible?</p> <p>13. Are you aware of any potential water infrastructure projects where repurposing or</p>	
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					<p>upgrading existing water infrastructure might be possible? In northern Australia?</p> <p>14. Are there potential projects where state and territory governments are reluctant to commit support until the projects are better defined and understood, but where this could be achieved through NWGA feasibility study and detailed business case funding?</p> <p>15. What is the average gestation period</p> <p>16. We observe that under the current regime, for political reasons it can take state and territory governments many years to submit a worthy project to the NWGA for feasibility study funding and detailed business case development, largely because they are looking for answers from the studies before the studies are done. This is not in the best national interest.</p> <p>We observe that NAIF experienced similar frustrations and made a change to enable it to evaluate projects without the need for state and territory level government support.</p> <p>Given that the NWGA has funded 100% of the feasibility studies and detailed business cases to date, would it not be possible, more effective and less time consuming for NWGA to support and fund some water infrastructure feasibility studies and detailed business cases without the need for state and territory level governments providing their notional support?</p> <p>17. Once these studies are completed, would not the state and territory level governments then be</p>	
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					<p>able to make more informed decisions when it comes to project realisation by proceeding to construction and operation if the studies recommend such action?</p> <p>18. What mechanisms are currently available in the National Water Grid Framework to introduce provisions to enable early investigation work to commence without state support?</p>	
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357	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001661	David Pocock	Water supply infrastructure for First Nations remote communities	<p>1. I understand that the government has committed \$150 million from the National Water Grid Fund for water supply infrastructure for First Nations remote communities. Can you please tell me how much of that funding has been committed and for what projects?</p> <p>2. If there are communities without a safe, reliable source of drinking water, please can you:</p> <p>a. explain why this funding hasn't yet reached these communities, and</p> <p>b. outline what's being done to progress this?</p>	Written
358	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	SQ23-001666	Andrew McLachlan	Goolwa River Research Hub	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the establishment of the Goolwa River Research Hub, which was to be established with \$8 million in Federal funding provided to the Goyder Water Research Institute?</p> <p>2. Was this research hub successfully established in "the first half of 2023" as planned?</p> <p>3. If not, what has caused any delays?</p> <p>4. When will the research hub be fully operational?</p> <p>5. Has any analysis been carried out to determine the economic benefits of this hub for the Goolwa community?</p> <p>6. If so, what are these figures?</p> <p>7. Can the Department provide the KPIs associated with the provision of ongoing funding for this project and provide an update on whether these KPIs are being met by the Goyder Water Research Institute?</p>	Written



359	Minister Plibersek	SQ23-001663	Andrew McLachlan	South Australia River Commissioner Richard Beasley SC - Minister for the Environment and Water	<p>1. Has the Minister had any meetings/correspondence with South Australia River Commissioner Richard Beasley SC?*</p> <p>2. Can the Minister provide all relevant dates/times/locations/minutes/notes/copies of any meetings/correspondence?</p> <p>3. If so, did any of these discussions centre on the Whyalla Hydrogen Facility and its use of River Murray water?</p> <p>4. Has the Minister had any meetings/correspondence with her South Australian counterpart in 2023?</p> <p>5. Can the Minister provide all relevant dates/times/locations/minutes/notes/copies of any meetings/correspondence?</p> <p>6. If so, did any of these discussions centre on the Whyalla Hydrogen Facility and its use of River Murray water?</p> <p>*Noting that as per SQ23-000959, no meetings or correspondence had yet been noted.</p>	Written
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360	Minister Plibersek	SQ23-001665	Andrew McLachlan	South Australian Hydrogen Green Hydrogen Power Station Project - Minister for the Environment and Water	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Minister provide details/times/dates of any meetings/correspondence with the South Australian Government and/or South Australian Government agencies/departments in relation to the Whyalla Hydrogen Facility?</li> <li>2. Can the Minister provide minutes/notes/copies from these meetings/correspondence?</li> <li>3. During any such interaction, was the use of River Murray Water discussed and if so, can the Minister provide details on these discussions and/or notes/minutes?</li> <li>4. As a result of/during these interactions, was the Minister provided with an estimated figure of required River Murray water usage as part of this project? If so, what was the figure provided?</li> </ol>	Written
361	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001667	Andrew McLachlan	South Australian Green Hydrogen Power Station Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department provide details/times/dates of all meetings/correspondence with the South Australian Government and/or South Australian Government agencies/departments in relation to the Whyalla Hydrogen Facility?</li> <li>2. Can the Department provide minutes/notes/copies from these meetings/correspondence?</li> <li>3. During any such interactions, was the use of River Murray water discussed and can the Department provide details on these discussions and/or notes/minutes?</li> <li>4. As a result of/during these interactions, was the Department provided with an estimated figure of required River Murray water usage as part of this</li> </ol>	Written

					<p>project? If so, what is the figure provided</p> <p>5. Does the Department have its own figure as to the estimated water usage of this project and if so, what is this figure?</p>	
362	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	SQ23-001664	Andrew McLachlan	South Australia River Commissioner Richard Beasley SC - DCCEEW	<p>1. Has the Department had any meetings/correspondence with South Australia River Commissioner Richard Beasley SC?*</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide all relevant dates/times/locations/minutes/notes/copies of any meetings/correspondence?</p> <p>3. If so, did any of these discussions centre on the Whyalla Hydrogen Facility and its use of River Murray water?</p> <p>*Noting that as per SQ23-000955, the Department had advised of a single meeting between the Water Reform Taskforce and Mr Beasley.</p>	Written

363	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	SQ23-001662	Andrew McLachlan	South Australia River Commissioner Richard Beasley SC - MDBA	<p>1. Has the Authority had any meetings/correspondence with South Australia River Commissioner Richard Beasley SC?*</p> <p>2. Can the Authority provide all relevant dates/times/locations/minutes/notes/copies of any meetings/correspondence?</p> <p>3. If so, did any of these discussions centre on the Whyalla Hydrogen facility and its use of River Murray water?</p> <p>*Noting that the MDBA has already advised of one meeting with Mr Beasley as per SQ22-000859 and provided the minutes of this meeting. No additional meetings or correspondence had been noted as per SQ23-000953.</p>	Written
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