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Senator Pratt asked:

Senator PRATT: Can you confirm what the existing statutory functions are? You do not need to go through the ones we have discussed that have been retained, but which functions are being dropped?

Mr Fisher: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator PRATT: I assume that there is a list that relates to the statutes, and then there are those that evolve as things within those statutes, such as various activities. Could you take that on notice and reflect not just on the statute, but the activities that have evolved to take place within it?

Answer:

National Water Commission's (NWC) functions are set out in section 7 of the *National Water Commission Act 2004* (Cth).

The NWC also has functions under Part 3, sections 87, 88 and 89, and Schedule 3, section 4 (16) of the *Water Act 2007* (Cth) and regulation 3.37 (4) of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Regulations 2011* (Cth).

The Australian Government is considering how it may deliver the continuation of some of these functions through other agencies.