Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

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Senator Urquhart asked:

The Budget papers show that the Office of Water Science Research will be discontinued. What impact will this have on the work of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee?

Answer:

Funding will continue to be provided in 2014-15 and 2015-16 to support already commissioned research and a number of new research products. The budget provided for the bioregional assessments and the work of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development remains unchanged.