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Senator Pratt asked:

Senator PRATT: Okay. The IESC was commissioned to undertake a broader scope of work, not just individual assessments. Can you outline the original project brief and how it has progressed against those requirements?

Dr Dripps: The officers responsible for the operation of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee are in the Water Group, who were here yesterday. We can outline the operation of the IESC from the perspective of one of the regulators who receives advice from it. But in terms of the broader scope of its work and the progress of the bi-regional assessments program—

Senator PRATT: No that is fine, we can do that on notice with them.

Answer:

Please refer to May 2014 Budget Estimates Question number 96.