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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Please describe the development and operation of proposed efficiency measures under the Sustainable Diversion Limits adjustment process?

- a. Have any of the states put forward efficiency measure projects?
- b. How will the overall SDL adjustment for efficiency measures be set/established?

Answer:

The Department is currently discussing the design and operation of efficiency measures programmes with state governments, in line with clause 4.7 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray Darling Basin (the IGA). The Department, with Murray-Darling Basin Authority and state governments' cooperation, is aiming to discuss the design and operation of efficiency measures with industry in first half of 2015. As such, no state has put forward specific efficiency measures projects.

The SDL adjustment for efficiency measures will be established as part of the SDL adjustment mechanism consistent with the IGA and Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan