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Environment and Energy Portfolio – Friday 26 May 2017

Question No	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Title	Question	Proof Hansard Page & Hearing Date or In Writing	Comment
1	Commonwealth Environmental Office (CEWO)	Roberts	Size of area in south-east of South Australia	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Turning to the south-east of South Australia, I understand that the water direction used to flow towards the Murray parallel to the coast and, since channels were or ditches were dug in the 1920s or 1930s—</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Drains.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Drains. Thank you. That is the word. It goes straight to the ocean. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Papps: Broadly speaking that is correct. You would have heard this morning—I think it was Mr Parker and his colleagues—talk about the expenditure of Commonwealth funds on a project in that area to address that issue. That is, water that used to flow through that system and make its way eventually partly into the Coorong had been modified by agricultural practices, and there is now a project looking at remediating that.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: What is the size of that area in the south-east of South Australia? Someone said it is equivalent to Tasmania.</p> <p>Mr Papps: I do not have those figures. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Okay. I would be interested in that.</p>	Page 47	SQ17-000481
2	Commonwealth Environmental	Roberts	Government water	Given the continuing ineffectiveness, inefficiency & inequity of government water interventions,	Written	SQ17-000650

	Office (CEWO)		interventions	is it time to subject such interventions to proper & independent CBA ... especially genuinely analysing greater freedom over control?		
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