

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio**  
Additional Budget Estimates, February 2012

**Program: Division or Agency:** 4: NWC **Question No:** 196

**Topic:** Review of the National Water Commission

**Proof Hansard Page and Date or Written Question:** Written

**Senator Joyce asked:**

1. Is the Commission aware of whether the government has received Dr Rosalky's Review of the National Water Commission?
2. When will the government respond to this review?
3. Has the government made you aware about what their plans are for future for the National Water Commission?
4. What arrangements are the NWC putting in place if the government does not extend funding for the NWC beyond the end of this financial year?

**Answer:**

1. The National Water Commission (the Commission) understands that Dr Rosalky's Review of the National Water Commission has been provided to the Australian Government.
- 2-4. Dr Rosalky's Review of the National Water Commission was tabled in the Senate on 14 March 2012. The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator the Hon Don Farrell announced on 14 March 2012 that the Government proposes to continue the National Water Commission to oversee the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) national water reform agenda.

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**Topic:** National Water Commission audit of the implementation of the Basin Plan.

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**Senator Joyce asked:**

1. Is the National Water Commission planning to conduct audit of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan as required by section 88(1) of the Water Act? If not who will be doing this review given that section 88(1) calls for the first audit five years after the commencement of the Act?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.