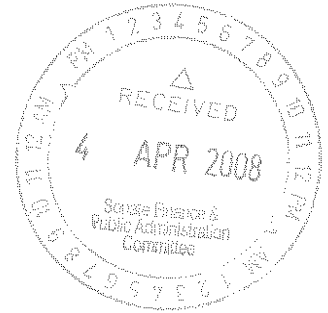


**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM89**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: River Murray**

**Hansard Page 11: Written Question**

**Senator Birmingham asked: How many meetings or discussions has the Prime Minister had with the Victorian Premier about the River Murray and other national water issues? When did these meetings or discussions occur?**

**Answer: The Prime Minister has regular discussions with Premiers and Chief Ministers on matters that impact on Commonwealth-state-territory relations. In relation to the Murray-Darling Basin, please refer to the Council of Australian Governments' Communique issued on 26 March 2008 for details of the in-principle agreement on Murray-Darling Basin reform.**