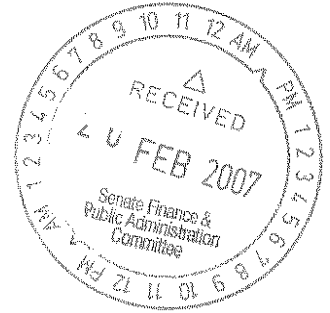


**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**National Water Commission**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings 2006-07**  
**(Question No. PM32)**



**Senator Stephens** asked:

The National Water Commission has assembled a special high level briefing on the national water supply situation and the seasonal outlook. The briefing was prepared utilising the combined services of the Bureau of Meteorology, the Bureau of Rural Sciences and CSIRO, with additional input from the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and the Water Services association of Australia.

- a) When did work commence on the briefing?
- b) How much did the briefing cost to produce? Were costs shared by agencies?

**Answer:**

- a) Work on this briefing commenced with a meeting with relevant agencies on Monday 25 September 2006.
- b) The national seasonal water outlook report cost \$3468.53 to produce. This included printing (\$1518), design (\$1584) and copying costs (\$366.53). These costs do not include staff costs. Agencies did not share the actual cost of production but did contribute the time of staff involved.