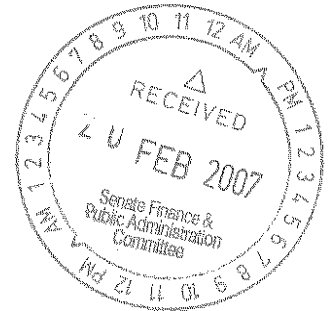


ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
National Water Commission
Additional Estimates Hearings 2006-07
(Question No. PM36)



Senator Stephens asked:

Recently NWC CEO Ken Matthews announced that Volker Aeuckens will commence in the role of Chief Adviser to the CEO.

- a) When did Mr Aeukens commence in this role?
- b) Has the position of Chief Adviser to the CEO always existed?
- c) What is the job description/duties of the Chief Adviser to the CEO?
- d) Does the Chief Adviser to the CEO travel with the CEO? If so, does he travel the same class of travel as the CEO when he travels with him?
- e) What APS level or equivalent is the Chief Adviser to the CEO?

Answer:

- a) Mr Aeuckens commenced in the role of Principal Adviser to the CEO on 8 September 2006.
- b) No, the role was created to meet changing requirements within the Commission.
- c) The duties of the Principal Adviser to the CEO are:
 - Provide specialist water policy advice in relation to water reform initiatives of the Commission and the Australian Water Fund projects as required;
 - Provide leadership on specific water issues as required to advance national water reform, in particular on the linkages between policy and programmes, monitoring and advising on international water issues;
 - Provide high level strategic advice on matters of relevance to the Commission, other Government agencies, the Government or the Prime Minister and prepare and/or review complex briefing material, submissions and reports;
 - Represent the Commission at meetings and conferences and undertake high level negotiation and liaison with external clients on issues of strategic importance to the Commission, the Government or the Prime Minister;
 - Undertake complex/sensitive research, operational or management projects and provide timely and high quality reports and outcomes; and
 - Manage the implementation of policies, systems and procedures to improve the delivery of services, assessments and policy advice.
- d) No
- e) Executive Level 2

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