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Mr Terry Redman

Western Power —

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Question: Mr D.T. Redman asked: What is the regional versus metropolitan breakdown of the total \$137 million spend on customer-driven works?

Answer: Western Power's approach to customer driven capital expenditure is to forecast the category as a complete total value, the metropolitan / regional split is not a factor in this approach. The forecast is based on historical trends, forward predictions of housing growth using high level HIA statistics and overall energy forecasts.

Customer driven expenditure arises from customer requests rather than Western Power planning therefore there is no definitive forward view. Although Western Power has forecast its replacement and capacity expansion capital expenditure to be roughly 50/50 metropolitan to country this is difficult to predict for customer driven expenditure.

However, as most subdivision development and LGA driven undergrounding (outside SUPP) is metropolitan the forecast expenditure will naturally have a higher metropolitan weighting.

The historical split between metropolitan and regional distribution customer-driven total cost over the last four years is shown in the table below.

	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17
Country	30%	29%	26%	24%
Metro	70%	71%	74%	76%