

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

2018-19 BUDGET ESTIMATES – QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING



Water Corporation

The Committee asked:

1. For each project identified in your asset investment program in Budget Paper No. 2, was it subject to cost-benefit analysis and, if so, what was its ratio?

Answer: All projects that deliver a specific outcome, irrespective of the value of the project, are subject to risk analysis to determine that the proposed investment decision is justified; this includes reviewing several alternative investment options that deliver different levels of business outcome.

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Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

1. How many Aboriginal people were employed by the agency/department on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer:

July 1st 2017: 86

April 30th 2018: 95

2. How many Aboriginal people employed by the agency/department were Level 8 and above (including Senior Executive Service positions) on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer:

Nil; noting as a Government Trading Enterprise the Water Corporation considers the equivalent positions of Level 8 and above to be that of our Heads of Business Unit, General Managers, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer.

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Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

1. I refer to the 2.5% per annum increase of water, sewerage and drainage tariffs from 2019-20 to 2021-22 and I ask:

(a) How much revenue does Water Corporation currently collect in Metropolitan drainage rates; and

(b) How much of that revenue is currently used for drainage-related matters?

Answer:

In 2017/18, the forecast revenue from metropolitan drainage is \$55.7 million. The cost of providing metropolitan drainage is \$49.8 million.

2. I refer to the "Deferral of Major New Water Source" section on page 160 of Budget Paper 3: How much water is expected to be saved through moderation of demand driven by the tariff increases that will target significant users in 2018-19?

Answer:

The representative household model is based on average water use of 240kL per annum.

The 2018/19 water use charges for customers using more than double the average household water use forms part of the wider demand management program, which includes the two-day a week sprinkler roster, winter sprinkler switch off and other targeted initiatives such as the irrigation controller and showerhead swap programs.

The actual reduction in water use achieved will be largely dependent on the degree to which individual customers respond and adjust their behaviours.

