



ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2016-17 Annual Report hearings – Supplementary Question

Water Corporation

Hon Colin Ticknell MLC asked:

CI *On Page 32 of the Annual Report, it refers to Stage 1 of the new Broome Road Industrial Area – the development that is going on out there. What is planned for Stage 2?*

The Broome Road Industrial Estate is a LandCorp development. It is proposed that the development will occur in six stages. These stages are outlined in the document *Broome Road Industrial Estate Masterplan LandCorp 2012*), available via LandCorp's website. The staging may be further broken up or accelerated, dependent upon market demand.

Answer:

- Stage 1 has been completed.
- The proposed Stage 2a = 10 Lots (10.6 hectares) and Stage 2b = 12 Lots (17 hectares).
- The project referred to in the 2017 Water Corporation Annual Report involved the realignment of the primary supply main from the Broome Town Water Supply Borefield around the new Industrial Area, as well as the extension of water supply reticulation mains to supply this area.
- All major works to support the development have now completed. Further staging will be supported by minor developer funded reticulation extensions – business as usual.
- Further details on Stage 2 can be obtained from LandCorp.

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- C2. a) How many customers have applied for HUGS, both in the metropolitan and regional areas – just a breakdown?

Answer:

The Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) is administered by the Department of Communities (DEC) on behalf of the State Government. DEC has confirmed it will not disclose this information to the Water Corporation and has requested that this question be directed to the Minister for Communities to respond.

- b) How many customers have applied to access the Water Assist Scheme – metropolitan and regional areas?

Answer:

2016-2017	Number of metropolitan Water Assist Scheme applications	190
2016-2017	Number of rural Water Assist Scheme applications	85

- c) What was the total amount paid to the Water Corporation by HUGS?

Answer

\$537,582

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Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

C3 *Ord Irrigation Scheme – is the Ord shown separately somewhere? Is there any reason why it is not in the Annual Report, and why has it been taken out? If it is in the Annual Report, where is it represented?*

Answer:

The Ord Irrigation Scheme is referred to on page 53 of the 2017 Water Corporation Annual Report. The *Irrigation* table on page 53 shows that the Water Corporation supplied 699 megalitres of water to its customers located on the M1 Irrigation Channel.

The Ord Irrigation Cooperative (OIC) takes water under its own licence from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and on-sells this water to its own customers. The water is not taken under the Water Corporation's licence, therefore, we do not report on it in our Annual Report.

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Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC asked:

C4 Please provide the actual particulars of a contractual arrangements as it pertains to the rollout of the Meter Replacement Program.

Answer:

The current contractual arrangement utilises the Water Corporation's standard tendering and contracting process to issue purchase orders to two external contractors selected competitively from a group of five.

A new contracting arrangement is currently being implemented which uses a competitive bidding process to award a one year contract of work to the successful bidder/s. These contractual arrangements will be as per the Water Corporation's standard tendering and contracting documentation.

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Hon Colin Ticknell MLC asked:

C5 *"Other Other" Expenses (Page 62 – Line 6B) – Explain what those expenses refer to? I notice that it was \$88 million in 2017*

Answer:

Breakdown of amount described as "Other" in Note 6 of the 2017 financial report

	FY17	FY16
Employee benefits - Taxes	22	23
Employee benefits - Contractors, training	26	25
Property expenses - Taxes	13	13
Property expenses - Occupation expenses	20	20
Bad debts and doubtful debts expense	1	1
Travel and accommodation	6	5
Assets transferred to the City of Karratha	0	7
	88	94