

APPENDIX B

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Water Corporation

Hon Diane Evers asked:

[Supplementary information No A1: Drainage performance]

1) Drainage performance

Answer :

- The actual value of 97.3% reported under "Asset performance- Drainage systems operating in accordance with guidelines" on page 27 of the Water Corporation's Annual Report was due to minor flooding reported in Fremantle on 06/08/19.
- Water Corporation guideline for drainage performance is "to provide flood protection from rainfall events with intensities up to ten year average recurrence interval (ARI) in commercial areas within urban catchments".
- The rainfall event that caused this minor flooding was assessed to be just under the ten year average recurrence interval.
The minor flooding in Fremantle was noted in two catchments. Based on the above, the number of catchments operating in accordance with guidelines in 2019/20 was 73 out of a total of 75 systems. This returns a value of 97.3%.
- Water Corporation has a project underway and one planned, to expand the hydraulic capacity of these systems.

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Hon Tjorn Sibma asked:

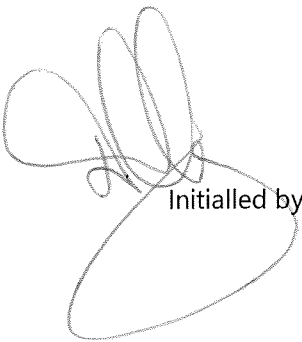

[Supplementary information No A2: PathWest – sampling of wastewater]

2) It is sent to PathWest. Does it also occur at the quarantine hotels; and, if so, how frequently?

Answer:

As part of a pilot project being led by the Western Australian Department of Health, the Water Corporation has completed an assessment of the feasibility of sampling wastewater for SARS-CoV-2 analysis from Water Corporation owned access chambers associated with quarantine hotels within the Perth CBD.

The Water Corporation completed one sampling event from a quarantine hotel (Four Points by Sheraton) on 13/11/2020. No further hotel quarantine sampling has been requested of the Water Corporation. The pilot project then collected samples from inspection shafts within the premises of four hotels on 19/11/2020 (Four Points by Sheraton, Mercure Perth, Intercontinental, and Novotel Murray). This sampling is being managed by the WA Department of Health.


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Hon Colin de Grussa asked:

[Supplementary information No A3: Regional Projects]

- 3) I turn to the expenditure in the regions on page 769 on budget paper No 2, volume 2. Is there a comprehensive list available of any of the programs funded under the asset investment program?

Answer:

Regional Western Australia will continue to benefit from the development and upgrading of water and wastewater infrastructure, with \$260.9 million committed in 2020-21.

Individual projects within the capital program over the forward estimates period are indications only and are subject to change.

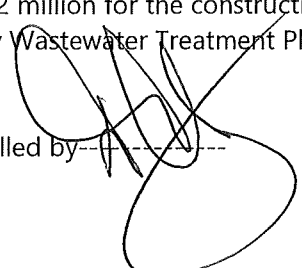
Current major projects:

- \$18.6 million on improvements to water supply for Denmark. The project will connect Denmark to the Lower Great Southern Water Supply Scheme.
- \$18.1 million towards building new water storage tanks in Merredin and Karratha.
- \$12.0 million has been committed for the Essential and Municipal Services Upgrade Program for Aboriginal communities in Mowanjum, Bayulu and Bidyadanga.
- \$11.3 million on water quality improvements in the Murchison region including installation of water treatment facilities in Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet and Sandstone to improve the water quality in each town.
- \$4.2 million to upgrade the Collie and Kemerton Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- \$2.1 million to upgrade the York Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WA Recovery Plan Regional Projects

- \$4.2 million to deliver more reliable and improved water and wastewater services to Remote Aboriginal Communities. The communities that have been identified to participate in the program include Ardyaloon, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Beagle Bay.
- \$0.5 million to reinstate irrigation of public open space for the Shire of Broome.
- \$0.2 million for the construction of a lined evaporation pond and an infiltration pond at the Coral Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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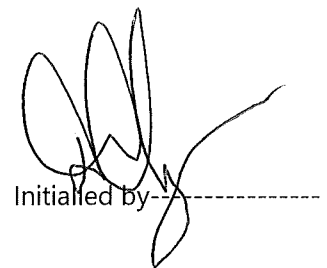
Hon Colin de Grussa asked:

[Supplementary information No A4: Farmlands Banding Program]

4) How many businesses in the last year were awarded tenders for the farmlands banding program?

Answer:

For FY20, there were nine businesses.


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