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# 2016 Annual Performance Report

## Cunnamulla Bulk

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## Introduction

A recommendation from the 2013-17 review of SunWater's irrigation pricing was for SunWater to produce annual Network Service Plans (NSPs) to help keep customers informed throughout the pricing period. SunWater has decided to also produce annual Performance Reports such as this report to show how SunWater has performed against the QCA targets for the year just completed.

SunWater revised the format for 2015 to incorporate customer feedback and to provide more detail on items such as insurance. The new format includes a summary of the annual expenditure and annual revenue to provide a snapshot of scheme performance across the year.

In line with customer feedback 2017 forecast data is also provided and compared with QCA targets.

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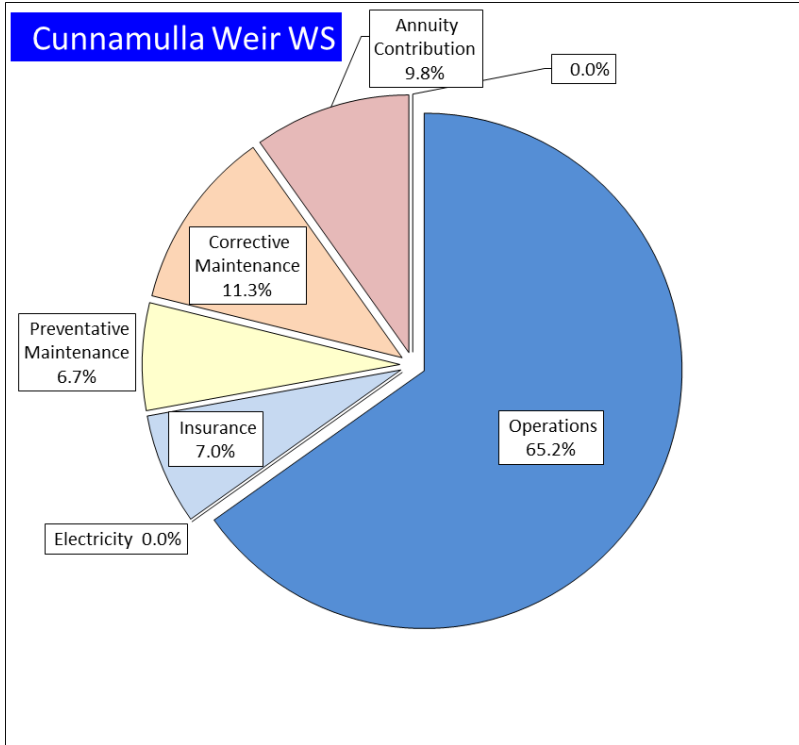
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**Table 1 – Operating Revenue Less Spend**

Cunnamulla Weir WS		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Table reference	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Revenue	3	70	75	74	80	82
Less - Routine Expenditure	4 & 7	32	52	31	62	51
Less - Non-Routine Expenditure						
• Annuity Funded	5, 6 & 7	-	16	-	28	30
• Non Annuity Funded	5	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus (Deficit)		38	6	43	(10)	1

Table 1 provides an indication of the annual cash performance of the scheme. Note that the table reports total non-routine spend and does not take into account the smoothing impact of the renewals annuity. Further information is provided below in each section of this report.



**Figure 1: Breakdown of Irrigation Scheme Costs – 2016 Actual**

Figure 1 shows a high level summary of scheme costs and provides an indication of where revenue from irrigation water charges is applied. The item “Annuity Contribution” refers to the component of irrigation water charges that is applied toward the renewals annuity each year. The item “Revenue Transfers” refers to the contribution towards the cost of the bulk water scheme.

## Water Usage

Table 2 – 2016 Water Usage

Customer Segment	No. of Customers	Water Entitlements (ML)	Available Water (ML)	Available Water (%)	Water Deliveries (ML)	Water Deliveries (%) Against Entitlement	Water Deliveries (%) Against Available Water
1. Industrial		0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Irrigation		2,412	2,412	100	1,828	76	76
3. Urban		80	80	100	54	67	67
5. SunWater		120	120	100	0	0	0
<b>Service Contract Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>

QCA Assumed Total Water Usage 73.7%  
 Water usage was in line with the QCA assumed usage.

# Revenue

**Table 3 – Revenue**

Cunnamulla Weir WS		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
		Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Irrigation		67	73	72	77	77
Industrial		-	-	-	-	-
Urban		2	2	2	2	2
Irrigation CSO		-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Drainage		-	-	-	-	-
Other		1	-	-	-	2
Insurance Proceeds - Flood		-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Total		70	75	74	80	82

## Routine Expenditure

**Table 4 – Routine Operating Expenditure**

Cunnamulla Weir WS	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			% of target
	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Budget \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	
Operations	26	38	12	42	39	(3)	23	40	17	45	40	(5)	31	40	9	78
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	4	2	(2)	8	2	(6)	5	2	(3)	5	3	(2)	6	3	(3)	232
Operations Total	30	40	10	50	42	(8)	28	42	14	49	42	(7)	37	42	5	88
Preventative Maintenance	2	6	5	2	6	4	3	6	3	5	6	2	9	6	(3)	147
Corrective Maintenance	-	8	8	-	9	9	-	9	9	8	9	1	4	9	5	49
Routine Total	32	55	23	52	57	5	31	57	26	62	57	(4)	51	58	7	88

### Operations

Operational activities include the day-to-day costs of the administration and management of the scheme, water delivery and meeting compliance obligations. Specific activities include the direct and non-direct cost of<sup>1</sup>:

- Scheduling and delivering water, including processing water orders, releasing water, operating pump stations, regulation and monitoring of channel flows and monitoring of customer deliveries;
- Emergency responses for channel overflows and other emergency events;
- Meter reading;
- Administration of water accounts, billing, and receipting payments;
- Customer management, including enquiries, complaints and maintaining the customer service help desk;
- Scheme management, including licences and permits, rates, land management, planning and reporting;
- Insurance;
- Monitoring the security of infrastructure and unauthorised access and trespass; and

<sup>1</sup> Activities listed will not apply to all service contracts.



- Managing public relations associated with the scheme.

The operations expenditure was above the QCA target.

- Insurance costs were higher than target;
- There are no electricity costs associated with Cunnamulla Weir; and
- All operational work undertaken by SunWater staff is grouped together to reduce hours and costs associated with the tasks.

### **Preventive Maintenance**

Preventive maintenance is maintaining the ongoing operational performance and service capacity of physical assets to designed standard. Preventive maintenance is cyclical in nature with a typical interval of 12 months or less. Preventive maintenance activities are based on the updated work instructions developed for operating the scheme and include an estimate of the resources required to implement that scope of work. Preventive maintenance includes<sup>1</sup>:

- Condition monitoring - the inspection, testing or measurement of physical assets to report and record its condition and performance for determination of maintenance requirements. Condition monitoring is carried out on electrical, mechanical and civil assets including pump stations (pumps, electrical motors, valves, switchboards and associated equipment), channels (regulator gates, civil works, signs, structures, etc.), drains (civil works, structures etc.), pipelines (valves, air valves, scours easements etc.) and other infrastructure;
- Servicing - planned maintenance activities normally expected to be carried out routinely on physical assets including valves, cranes, sump pumps and associated equipment; and
- Weed control - which includes the following activities:
  - Slashing channels and drains;
  - Acrolein treatment of channels;
  - Copper Sulphate treatment; and
  - Spraying and other activities to control operational and noxious weeds within channel and drainage reserves and balancing storages.

Preventive maintenance was below the QCA's target.

### **Corrective Maintenance**

Corrective maintenance includes activities to correct unexpected failures or to return an asset to an acceptable level of performance or condition. While these are difficult to forecast with accuracy, history has shown that such events can be expected and need to be factored into expenditure forecasts. Forecasts include provision for labour, materials and plant hire.

The corrective maintenance forecast does not include any costs of damage arising from major unexpected events, such as floods. These costs are categorised as non-routine corrective maintenance which is discussed in the following section.

There are two types of corrective maintenance – scheduled and emergency<sup>2</sup>:

- Scheduled corrective maintenance is maintenance that can be planned and scheduled, and includes:
  - Channels
    - De-silting channels and catch drains;
    - Erosion control and repair of rock protection works;
    - Repair fencing;
    - Repair concrete structures; and
    - Repair regulator gates, control valves, etc.
  - Drains
    - De-silting drains;
    - Erosion control and repair of rock protection works;
    - Repair fencing; and
    - Repair concrete structures.
  - Pipelines
    - Pipe breaks
    - Repair air valves, scour valves, etc.;
    - Erosion control and repair of rock protection works; and
    - Repair concrete structures.
  - Scheme Roads
    - Repair pot holes;
    - Grade roads; and
    - Repair, replace and paint guide posts and signs.
  - Pump stations
    - Repair pumps and motors;
    - De-silt intake structures;
    - Repair concrete structure; and
    - Repair control building.
  - Storages (balancing storages and reservoirs)

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<sup>2</sup> Activities listed will not apply to all service contracts.

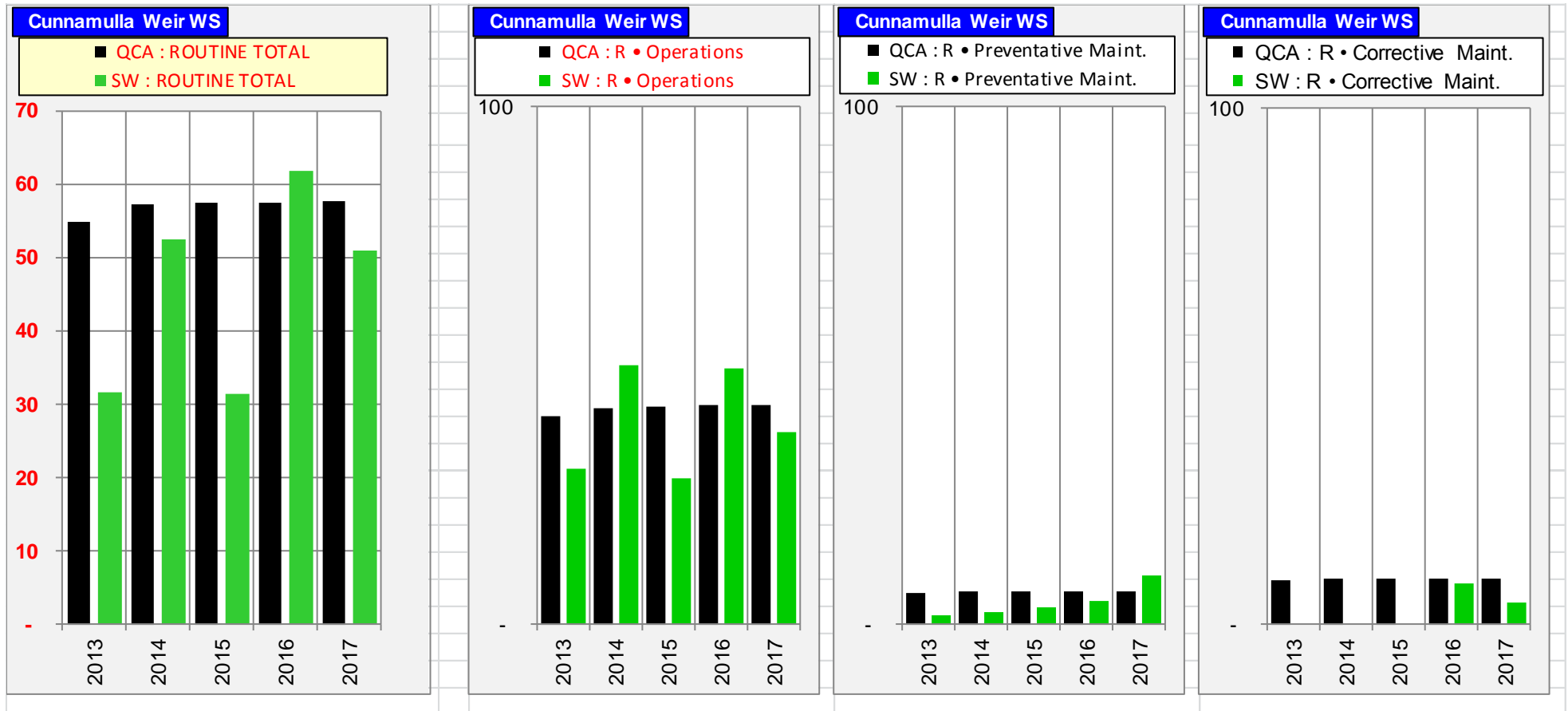
- Repair control gates and valves;
- Repair walls, embankments and spillways; and
- Repair concrete structures.
- Meters
  - Repair bulk water meters; and
  - Repair customer meters.
- Emergency corrective maintenance is maintenance that has to be carried out immediately to restore normal operation or supply to customers or to meet regulatory obligations (e.g. rectify a safety hazard) and includes:
  - Repair or correction of pump station faults;
  - Repair or correction of channel faults;
  - Repair or correction of pipeline faults; and
  - Response to theft or vandalism associated with scheme assets.

Corrective maintenance was below the QCA's target.

## Routine Cost – Summary and Charts

The information in Table 4 above is re-presented in the charts below to graphically show SunWater’s performance against the QCA targets. In summary the key challenges in managing routine cost lie with reigning in input cost like insurance. Emergency Event Management costs are also an impact on the scheme, but have not been distributed at the scheme level.

**Figure 2: Routine Expenditure by Activity compared to QCA Target (\$'000)**



## Non-Routine Expenditure

SunWater has developed a whole of life strategy around the replacement and maintenance of its asset portfolio which is based on the concept of optimised life. The key drivers in this approach are the risk and condition of each asset. The current condition of an asset drives an estimate of the future work required to ensure an asset continues to be able to provide the required level of service into the future. SunWater maintains a program of asset inspections and condition assessments which continually updates our knowledge of asset condition. This information feeds into the annual review of the renewals program, the most recent of which was completed in February 2015; items requiring immediate maintenance or replacement are included in the budget for the following year.

While the immediate program for the next year's budget is well defined; the further into the planning timeline, the more uncertain the estimates become. Consequently, the program of works is not a specific forecast of when individual projects are expected to be executed but rather it is portfolio level estimate of works based on the best-available risk and condition information for the service contract as a whole. This information feeds into calculation of the annuity to fund renewals. Having an annuity funding arrangement acknowledges that a long-term view of renewals spend is required to ensure adequate funding and to address issues such as inter-generational equity.

The QCA targets were set against an estimated program of works from the 2010-11 year. While this was the best estimate of expected work at the time, there has been significant project churn in the three years since this estimate was made. This can mean that, in some cases, the QCA's funding allowance for renewals work does not cover the total expenditure required to maintain asset condition to the required standard. In addition, there have been unexpected events, such as floods, that were not allowed for in the QCA's annuity funding allowance.

**Table 5 – Non-Routine Expenditure**

Cunnamulla Weir WS	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			2013 to 2017				
	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Budget \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	% of target	SW Forecast \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	% of target
Annuity Funded																				
Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preventative Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corrective Maintenance (Flood)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R&E	-	-	-	16	21	5	-	-	-	28	24	(4)	30	-	(30)	-	73	45	(29)	164
Non-routine Total	-	-	-	16	21	5	-	-	-	28	24	(4)	30	-	(30)	-	73	45	(29)	164
Non Annuity Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### **R&E – Annuity Funded**

There were two projects categorised as “Annuity-funded R&E”.

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SPEND 2016</b>
16CUW02 Allan Tannock weir - Refurbish Outlet Works Gate	25903
16CUW01 Asset Revaluation - IBN - Cunnamulla	1741

### **Corrective Maintenance**

There was no expenditure categorised as “Corrective Maintenance”.

### **Other**

There was no expenditure categorised as “Annuity-funded Other”.

### **R&E – Non Annuity**

There was no expenditure categorised as “Non Annuity”.

## Annuity Balance

The 2016 annuity balance is shown below.

**Table 6 – Annuity Balance**

Cunnamulla Weir WS		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Table reference	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Actual \$000	Budget \$000
<b>Annuity</b>						
Opening Balance		(19)	(15)	(25)	(20)	(43)
Net Spend	See below	-	(16)	-	(28)	(30)
Annuity Contribution		6	7	7	7	7
Interest		(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
SunWater - Closing Balance		(15)	(25)	(20)	(43)	(69)
QCA - Closing Balance		(17)	(33)	(28)	(47)	(44)
Difference		2	7	8	4	(25)
<b>Net Spend Analysis</b>						
Spend	5 & 7	-	(16)	-	(28)	(30)
Insurance Proceeds Receipts						
• Prior Year		-	-	-	-	-
• Current Year		-	-	-	-	-
Net Spend		-	(16)	-	(28)	(30)

\* 2017 figures are subject to change once actual spend is known.

## Appendix – Total Expenditure by Expense Type

**Table 7 – Detailed Financial Summary  
(Including Expenditure for Activity by Type)**

Cunnamulla Weir WS	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017		
	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Actual \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000	SW Budget \$000	QCA Target \$000	Variance \$000
Revenue	70			75			74			80			82		
Routine Spend															
Operations															
Labour	9	10	1	14	10	(5)	7	10	3	13	11	(2)	9	11	2
Contractors	1	5	4	0	5	4	1	5	4	3	5	2	2	5	3
Materials	0	3	2	-	3	3	-	3	3	-	3	3	1	3	2
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	4	2	(2)	8	2	(6)	5	2	(3)	5	3	(2)	6	3	(3)
Other	1	1	0	1	1	(0)	2	1	(1)	2	1	(1)	2	1	(1)
Non-directs	16	20	5	26	21	(5)	13	21	8	26	21	(6)	17	20	3
	30	40	10	50	42	(8)	28	42	14	49	42	(7)	37	42	5
Preventative Maintenance															
Labour	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	(1)
Contractors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	(0)	1	-	(1)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	(1)	-	-	-
Non-directs	1	4	3	1	4	3	2	4	2	2	4	2	5	4	(1)
	2	6	5	2	6	4	3	6	3	5	6	2	9	6	(3)
Corrective Maintenance															
Labour	-	2	2	-	3	3	-	3	3	2	3	1	2	3	1
Contractors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	(0)	-	-	-
Non-directs	-	5	5	-	5	5	-	5	5	5	5	0	3	5	2
	-	8	8	-	9	9	-	9	9	8	9	1	4	9	5
Routine - total	32	55	23	52	57	5	31	57	26	62	57	(4)	51	58	7
Non-Routine Spend															
Labour	-	-	-	4	1	(3)	-	-	-	3	4	1	7	-	(7)
Contractors	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	-	17	4	(13)	9	-	(9)
Materials	-	-	-	2	8	7	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	2	-	(2)	-	-	-	0	2	2	1	-	(1)
Non-directs	-	-	-	8	3	(6)	-	-	-	7	9	2	13	-	(13)
Non-Routine - Total	-	-	-	16	21	5	-	-	-	28	24	(4)	30	-	(30)
Total Regulated Spend	32	55	23	68	78	10	31	57	26	89	81	(8)	81	58	(23)
Non Annuity Funded Spend	-			-			-			-			-		
Surplus (Deficit)	38			6			43			(10)			1		



## **Non-Direct Costs Explained**

Non-direct costs reflect SunWater's methodology for distributing indirect costs, local overheads and corporate overheads to each service contract. Wherever practicable labour and other costs are booked direct to service contracts, however, where this is not possible the costs accumulate in either indirect or overhead accounting cost pools and are then distributed to service contracts.

Indirect cost pools capture costs such as billing and customer support, irrigation pricing regulation, asset management (including dam safety, asset systems, channels and drainage) that have not been directly charged. They also include flood room operations including the IGEM emergency management program, water planning, hydrographic services, environmental support costs and GM Operations. These indirect costs are shared between SunWater's lines of business ie Bulk Water, Irrigation Distribution Systems, Industrial Pipeline and Facilities Management where appropriate. For example service contracts without a dam are not apportioned dam safety costs.

Local overheads are spread across service contracts managed in each locality. They include regional accommodation costs, vehicle costs, local admin support and other local labour not directly booked to activities within service contracts.

Corporate overhead costs are more generic than indirect cost and local overheads and are spread across all service contracts based on direct labour. They include the cost of HR and payroll, ICT, communications, legal and property, finance, internal audit, plus the costs of the CEO, GM Corporate and the SunWater Board of Directors, where these costs are not directly charged to activities within service contracts.

SunWater's methodology was reviewed and accepted by the QCA during the 2012 pricing review.

## Notes

All financial figures in this report are presented in nominal dollars.

Although the QCA set cost targets based on assumed inflation of 2.5%, most of the financial figures in the QCA's final report on SunWater's irrigation pricing were presented in real dollars (2011\$). To convert the QCA reported real dollars to nominal dollars, multiply by the following factors; these are based on the QCA's assumed inflation rate of 2.5% p.a. For comparison, the QCA conversion factors based on assumed inflation of 2.5% are compared with conversion factors based on actual inflation as measured by the Brisbane All Groups Consumer Price Index taken in March each year.

**Table 8 – Conversion Factors for real \$2011 to Nominal Dollars**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
QCA Conversion Factor	1.051	1.077	1.104	1.131	1.16
Accumulative March Quarter CPI	1.0494	1.0714	1.105	1.1208	1.1397

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