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Notes

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

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 report 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.

Table 1 – Conversion Factors for real \$2011 to Nominal Dollars

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Conversion Factor	1.051	1.077	1.104	1.131	1.160

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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.

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Water Usage

Table 2 – 2014 Water Usage

	No. of Customers	Water Entitlements ML	Available Water ML	Available Water %	Water deliveries ML	Water deliveries % of entitlement	Water deliveries % of available
Industrial		0	0		0		
Irrigation		2,412	2,129	88%	789	33%	37%
Urban		80	80	100%	14	18%	18%
Other		0	0		0		
SunWater		120	105	88%	0	0%	0%
Total	24	2,612	2,314	89%	803	31%	35%

QCA Assumed Water Usage for Irrigation	62.3%
QCA Assumed Water Usage for Total	73.7%

Table 3 – Revenue

	2013 SunWater Actual \$'000	2014 SunWater Actual \$'000	2015 SunWater Budget \$'000
Irrigation Revenue	67	73	74
Drainage	0	0	0
Irrigation CSO	0	0	0
Industrial and Urban	2	2	2
Other Revenue	1	0	2
Total Revenue	70	75	78

* Bulk water charges have not been unbundled from Distribution charges therefore a portion of the Distribution revenue is attributable to the Bulk service contract.

Routine Expenditure

Table 4 – Routine Operating Expenditure

	2013 SunWater Actual	% of 2013 Target	2014 SunWater Actual	% of 2014 Target	2015 SunWater Budget	% of 2015 Target
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Operations (Excl. Elect.)	30	75%	50	120%	55	131%
Preventative	2	25%	2	35%	7	113%
Corrective	0	0%	0	0%	7	79%
Electricity	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Total Routine Expenses	32	58%	52	92%	69	121%

Operations

Operation 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 of¹:

- 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
- Managing public relations associated with the scheme.

The operations expenditure in 2014 was \$8k, or 20%, above the QCA target. The major exceptions and highlights with operation activities for the year included:

- Insurance costs \$6k higher than target;
- Cunnamulla Weir Irrigation Scheme costs \$3k higher than budget due to costs associated with the ROP requirement for monitoring and reporting of water quality. These tasks are undertaken at intervals that fall in line with other work at Cunnamulla including meter reading. In December the customers of the Cunnamulla Water Supply Scheme requested that the yearly allocation announcement be revisited. In May 2014 work was completed on an amendment to the ROP in relation to Stock and Domestic Releases.

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 includes¹:

- Condition monitoring - the inspection, testing or measurement of physical assets to report and record its condition and

¹ Activities listed will not apply to all service contracts.

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; and
 - Spraying and other activities to control operational and noxious weeds within channel and drainage reserves.

Preventive maintenance for 2014 was \$4k below the QCA's target. The major exceptions and highlights with preventive maintenance activities for the year included:

- Costs kept to a minimum by undertaking all preventative work at regular quarterly intervals in line with quarterly meter reading activities.

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 emergency²:

- 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
 - 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

² Activities listed will not apply to all service contracts.

- Repair pumps and motors;
 - De-silt intake structures;
 - Repair concrete structure; and
 - Repair control building.
- Storages (balancing storages and reservoirs)
 - 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 \$9k below the QCA's target for 2014. Work undertaken and completed at Cunnamulla Weir during 2014 fell within the non-routine budget.

Electricity

There are no electricity costs associated with Cunnamulla Weir.

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 2014; 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. However, SunWater expects that the 2013-17 spend for non-routine can be controlled to meet the five-year QCA target within the framework of SunWater's Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM) approach and risk based prioritisation.

Table 5 – Non-Routine Expenditure

	2013 SunWater Actual	% of 2013-17 Target	2014 SunWater Actual	% of 2013-17 Target	2015 SunWater Budget	% of 2013-17 Target
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Annuity Funded						
R&E - Annuity Funded	0		8		0	
Corrective	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Non-direct	0		8		0	
Annuity Funded Total	0	0%	16	36%	0	0%
Non-Annuity Funded						
R&E - Non-Annuity Funded	0		0		0	
Non-direct	0		0		0	
Total Non-Annuity Funded	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a

R&E – Annuity Funded

The annuity funded R&E direct spend was \$8k. This included:

- Allan Tannock Weir repairs were undertaken in August 2013 when the maintenance crew from St George travelled to Cunnamulla to clean out 162 weep holes and refill them with no-fines concrete. This work was risk-based as the weep holes form an integral part of the structure and stop water pressure from lifting the concrete slabs. Concurrently, Paroo Shire council delivered the rock to repair the rock mattresses and, after placement, the wire mesh was restitched. Additionally, holes in the sheet piling were repaired. At almost 300 km distance between Cunnamulla and St George, it is more cost effective to undertake all repairs in the same visit. All work was carried out for \$16K, including non-directs.

Corrective Maintenance

There was no expenditure categorised as “Corrective Maintenance” in 2014.

Other

There was no expenditure categorised as “Annuity-funded Other” in 2014.

R&E – Non Annuity

There was no expenditure categorised as “Non Annuity” in 2014.

Annuity Balance

The 2014 annuity balance is shown below.

Table 6 – Annuity Balance

	2013	2014	2015*	2016	2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening Balance	(19)	(15)	(25)		
Annuity Income	6	7	7	7	7
Spend	0	(16)	0		
Interest	(1)	(1)	(2)		
Closing Balance	(15)	(25)	(20)		

* 2015 figures are subject to change once actual spend is known.

Appendix – Total Expenditure by Expense Type

Table 7 – Expenditure for Activity by Type

	2013 SunWater Actual \$'000	% of 2013 Target %	2014 SunWater Actual \$'000	% of 2014 Target %	2015 SunWater Budget \$'000	% of 2015 Target %
ROUTINE EXPENSES						
Operations						
Labour	9		14		16	
Materials	0		0		0	
Contractors	1		0		2	
Other	5		9		8	
Non-direct	16		26		29	
Operations Total	30	75%	50	120%	55	131%
Preventative						
Labour	1		1		2	
Materials	0		0		1	
Contractors	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Non-direct	1		1		4	
Preventative Total	2	25%	2	35%	7	113%
Corrective						
Labour	0		0		2	
Materials	0		0		0	
Contractors	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Non-direct	0		0		5	
Corrective Total	0	0%	0	0%	7	79%
Electricity	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Total Routine Expenses	32	58%	52	92%	69	121%
NON-ROUTINE EXPENSES						
Annuity Funded						
R&E - Annuity Funded	0		8		0	
Corrective	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Non-direct	0		8		0	
Total Annuity Funded Non-Routine	0	0%	16	36%	0	0%
TOTAL REGULATED EXPENSES						
	32		68		69	
Non-Annuity Funded						
R&E - Non-Annuity Funded	0		0		0	
Non-direct	0		0		0	
Total Non-Annuity Funded	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
TOTAL EXPENSES						
	32		68		69	