

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1638

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**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the annual operational cost for maintaining the Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme for 2015-16 to 2018-19 and the budget for 2019-20 (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

The Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme is a climate-resilient bulk water supply source, comprised of three advanced water treatment plants located at Luggage Point, Gibson Island and Bundamba.

Since June 2013, the scheme has been in care and maintenance mode to minimise operating and maintenance costs. Any remobilisation of the scheme will be phased in, with one plant brought on line at a time, to ensure any remobilisation is efficient and cost effective.

The annual operational costs for maintaining the scheme are provided below:

Financial Year	Actual operating costs \$M	Budget \$M
2015–16	9.6	
2016–17	9.8	
2017–18	10.7	
2018–19	13.8	
2019–20		15.1

Operational costs increased in 2018–19 due to the recommissioning of a single processing train at the Luggage Point advanced water treatment plant. The single train produces a maximum of 23 megalitres of purified recycled water per day and is used to supply industrial customers.

When operating at full capacity, the scheme will provide up to 180 megalitres of water per day into Wivenhoe Dam to supplement the region's bulk water supply.