

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1098

asked on Tuesday, 20 August 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to water license charges—

Will the Minister outline as of 20 August 2019 the (a) number and names of the schemes currently offering a 0% allocation, (b) number of irrigation customers currently paying the 'Part A' water charge while receiving 0% allocation broken down into schemes and (c) total annual revenue collected through 'Part A' water charges annually on 0% allocation broken down into schemes?

ANSWER:

As the question has referenced irrigation customers, the following answer is in relation to medium priority water only, as that is generally what irrigation customers own.

The total number of schemes operated by Sunwater and Seqwater with 0% announced water allocations for medium priority water is currently nine. Based on information provided by Sunwater and Seqwater, the total number of irrigation customers currently paying Part A charges supplied by schemes with 0% announced water allocations for medium priority water is 1001, and the total annual revenue to be collected from these customers through Part A water charges for 2019–20 will be \$5,671,022.

Part A charges help to maintain the water infrastructure, which has to be done whether water is available or not. This ensures that the infrastructure remains in good condition and can supply water when it is available again.

The table below provides the names of the schemes, irrigation customer numbers supplied by these schemes and the total annual revenue collected through Part A charges for 2019–20 for each scheme.

Sunwater and Seqwater Schemes	Number of irrigation customers	2019-20 total Part A revenue (\$)
Barker Barambah	159	813,191
Boyne River and Tarong	56	270,395
Chinchilla Weir	24	86,589
Macintyre Brook	88	1,153,218
Nogoa Mackenzie ¹	351	1,705,272
Upper Condamine	135	979,880
Central Lockyer Valley ²	1	11,512
Moreton Vale Pipeline ³	44	122,907
Lower Lockyer Valley	143	528,058
Total	1,001	5,671,022

¹ Includes all zones for Nogoa Mackenzie, but only zone A has 0% announced water allocations. Zones B to D have 30% announced allocations

² There is more than one customer supplied by the Central Lockyer Valley scheme, but only one irrigation customer pays Part A charges, as the remaining customers do not yet have volumes specified on their water entitlements

³ Excludes Part C charge which is also payable by Moreton Vale Pipeline customers on the volume of entitlements owned, regardless of water usage