

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1533

asked on 1 September 2016

MR MINNIKIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS, ROAD SAFETY AND PORTS AND MINISTER FOR ENERGY, BIOFUELS AND WATER SUPPLY (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 7 of the SDS which states that in the 2015-16 financial year 90 percent of the initiatives of WaterQ were being delivered and implemented—
Will the Minister advise which initiatives were not achieved over the period?

ANSWER:

WaterQ: a 30-year strategy for Queensland's water sector was released in June 2014 by the previous LNP Government. The performance measure has been discontinued for 2016/17.

I am advised that the 90% target and related estimated actual was based on strategic priorities and actions that were due to be delivered by the Department of Energy and Water Supply in 2015/16, and not 90% of all WaterQ initiatives.

The remainder are as follows:

1. Department strategic priorities and actions anticipated to be commenced in 2015/16 related to Action 5.2 (promote and support service provider-led regional capital advisory boards) did not commence as planned; and
2. in 2015/16, only preliminary research was completed by the Department in respect of actions 1.1 (innovative tariff structures) and action 2.1 (investigate tenant billing).

The reason for the non-completion of these planned actions is that *WaterQ* is currently being reconsidered by the Palaszczuk Government to ensure it aligns with current Government policy.

This is also why the measure has been discontinued in the Service Delivery Statement.