

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR R KATTER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WATER AND MINISTER FOR FIRE, DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS (HON A LEAHY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the location of river flow measurement devices in the Flinders River Catchment Area, (b) how many times since 2019 each of these devices have been out of service and (c) for how long each time?

ANSWER:

The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers operate 13 river gauging stations (stations) in the Flinders River Catchment area, which primarily exist for the purpose of managing the Flinders Catchment water resources.

Since 1 January 2019, the average outage time for the department network in the Flinders catchment is as follows:

- outages due to flood/equipment damage: 0.9 per cent
- outages due to communication down-time: 1.15 per cent.

During the flood event of 2019, two stations experienced flood damage. Since 2019, stations have been offline at various times, however all were restored within 100 days.

All 13 stations are currently operational.