



Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REPORT

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2013

The Government Owned Corporation Scrutiny Committee examined the activity, performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation with reference to its Statement of Corporate Intent for 2013-2014.

The Committee notes the following items were covered in the hearing:

- Power and Water's financial position: tariff adjustments for commercial sustainability; privatisation of retail section; saving and efficiency measures; cost savings resulting from investment in generation and networks; modelling for tariff adjustments.
- Retail Billing: accommodating successive tariff adjustments; impact on consumers and Power and Water call centre staff.
- Recalibration of meters in remote communities to accommodate tariff adjustments and calculation of rebates.
- Analysis of impact of tariff increases on business customers and feedback from business regarding tariff increases.
- Impact of cost saving measures on capital works projects.
- Water quality and water storage infrastructure.
- Sewerage infrastructure and odour control.
- Bores: reliability, caps on pumping; impact of additional bores on aquifer.
- Specialised vehicle fit outs: costs and use of local labour.
- Community education programs: water consumption in remote communities.
- Training programs and apprenticeships for Indigenous Essential Services Officers.
- Capital works planned for remote communities.
- Water quality in remote communities.

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