

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**  
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**To:** Hon. Nicole Manison

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**QUESTION**

In relation to the CCTV in Katherine, I am wondering to what level does the water need to rise before the CCTV triggers or notification is sent of the water rising in the event of a catastrophe? Who does the notification go to?

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**ANSWER**

The question from the Member for Namatjira was what level does the water have to rise to trigger the alarm and who does the alarm go to in respect to flooding in the Katherine region. To provide a bit of context the decision by the Bureau for Meteorology and the Emergency Services—their decision in terms of when to trigger a flood warning is based on a number of factors. One is obviously the water levels at gauges also looking at water levels through the cameras that are now available at Nitmiluk and Katherine and importantly also the forecast of rainfall.

There are a number of factors that particularly that the bureau take a leading role in to advise us and Emergency Services about when they expect flooding to occur. The actual flood levels when it is considered in flooding at the Nitmiluk Centre—a minor flood is considered when it reaches five and a half metres at the centre, a moderate flood is six and a half metres and a major eight metres.

Flooding at the Katherine River Bridge is considered minor at 16 metres, moderate at 16 and a half metres and major at 17 and a half metres.

Member for Namatjira you had a discussion around the cameras that are now in operation. Obviously they are a tool they are not the actual trigger they are certainly a great tool that emergency services and the Bureau of Meteorology and others can use to gauge the possibility or likelihood of a flood event.

We are certainly looking at the Katherine River camera to be open to the public so people can see that real time which will be a fantastic opportunity for us to utilise and I understand that in fact the Katherine Council will be happy to hold that on their system available through their web links.