Goulburn Murray Rural Water Corp

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2017-18 and 2018-19 Financial and Performance Outcomes General Questionnaire

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Introduction – Financial and Performance Outcomes Questionnaire

The Committee's inquiry into the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Financial and Performance Outcomes examines:

- the Government's actual expenditure and revenue compared to the budgeted expenditure and • revenue
- the actual performance outcomes against the targeted performance outcomes at a departmental/agency level.

The inquiry aims to benefit the Parliament and the community by:

- promoting the accountability, transparency and integrity of the executive and the public sector
- encouraging the effective and efficient delivery of public services and assets.

This questionnaire seeks information on the departmental/agency financials for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial years, what was achieved during those years and how that compares to expectations.

Timeline and format

Responses to this questionnaire are due by **5.00pm on Thursday 12 December 2019**.

Please email the completed questionnaire (in word and pdf) to paec@parliament.vic.gov.au

Please also email a signed copy.

Consistency with the budget papers

Wherever referring to an initiative/program/project that is referred to in the budget papers, please use the same name as is used in the budget papers. This ensures that the Committee can correlate the information provided by the department with the information in the budget papers.

Basis of consolidation

For departments, please use the same basis of consolidation as was used in the budget papers and in the budget portfolio outcomes statement in the department's annual report.

Guidance

Please contact the secretariat should you require guidance in relation to any questions:

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Section A: Output variances and program outcomes

Question 1 (all departments) Completed initiatives from past budgets Not applicable.

Question 2 (all departments) Program outcomes

Not applicable.

Question 3 (all departments) Treasurer's advances and other budget supplementation Not applicable.

Section B: Asset investment

Question 4 (all departments) Capital expenditure variances, completion date and scope changes – existing projects Not applicable.

Question 5 (all departments) Details of actual capital expenditure – completed projects (or expected to be completed) Not applicable.

Question 6 (all departments) High-value high-risk projects, gateway reviews and business cases Not applicable.

Question 7 (all departments) Public Private Partnership (PPP) expenditure – existing and completed Not applicable.

Section C: Revenue and appropriations

Question 8 (all departments and entities) Revenue – variances from previous year

Please explain any changes equal to or greater than ±10% or \$100 million between the actual result for 2017-18 and 2018-19 and the actual result for 2017-18 and 2018-19 for each revenue category detailed in your operating statement. Please also indicate what any additional revenue was used for or how any reduced amounts of revenue affected service delivery and then link it to the relevant output and portfolio.

Please also detail the outcomes in the community¹ achieved by any additional expenses or the impact on the community of reduced expenses (if there was no impact, please explain how that was achieved).

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

If there were no revenue/income categories for the department/agency for which the 2017-18 and 2018-19 expenditure changed from the prior year's expenditure by more than ±10% or \$100 million, you do not need to answer this question. If this is the case, please indicate 'no relevant line items' in the table(s) below.

2017-18 Response

Revenue category	2016-17 actual (\$ million)	2017-18 actual (\$ million)	Explanations for changes ±10% or \$100 million	How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue. If no impact, how was this achieved	Relevant output(s) and portfolio(s)
Government Grants	2.384	5.056	Government grants fluctuate year on year depending on works undertaken. In 2017-18, additional funding was received for salinity works.	The additional revenue enabled additional salinity works to be undertaken.	N/A
Other Revenue	8.321	9.225	 Other revenue is an amalgamation of a number of significant favourable and unfavourable variances. This includes: Interest – lower than prior year due to a billing issue that meant GMW was unable to charge interest on overdue debts for half the year; 	Increase to revenue and profit in comparison to prior year.	N/A

¹That is, the impact of service delivery on the community rather than a description of the services delivered.

	 Power generation – higher than prior year increasing revenues generated; Termination fees – lower than prior year. These fees are ad hoc and charged when customers terminate delivery shares. This is dependent on the customer and is therefore not consistent year on year; Fees for service – higher than prior year, similar to termination fees, these are ad hoc and charged when customers require GMW to perform certain specified services. This is dependent on customers and is therefore not consistent year on year Sale of water shares and water allocations are demand driven and in 2017-18 resulted in higher revenue. Other revenue is higher than prior year – this covers revenue such as information statements and other miscellaneous revenue.
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2018-19 Response

Revenue category	2017-18 actual (\$ million)	2018-19 actual (\$ million)	Explanations for changes ±10% or \$100 million	How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue. If no impact, how was this achieved	Relevant output(s) and portfolio(s)
Government Grants	5.056	4.141	Government grants fluctuate year on year depending on works undertaken. In 2018-19, less funding was received for salinity works undertaken.	Less grants received resulted in less salinity works undertaken.	N/A

Connections Funding	62,558	83,273	Connections funding is received in line with agreed milestones and required expenditure.	No impact - Connections Project funding is received in line with the reset delivery plan.	N/A
Other Revenue	9,225	19,510	 Other income is an amalgamation of a number of favourable and unfavourable variances. This includes: Power generation – higher than prior year increasing revenues generated; Termination fees – lower than prior year. These fees are ad hoc and charged when customers terminate delivery shares. This is customer dependent and is therefore not consistent year on year; Fees for service – higher than prior year. Similar to termination fees, these are ad hoc and charged when customers require GMW to perform certain specified services. This is customer dependent and is therefore not year; Sale of water shares and water allocations are dependent on customers and in 2018-19, resulted in higher revenue; Other revenue is higher than prior year due to Connections sale of temporary water. 	Increase to revenue and profit in comparison to prior year.	N/A

Question 9 (all departments and entities) Revenue – variances from budget to actual

Please explain any variances equal to or greater than ±10% or \$100 million between the initial budget estimate (not the revised estimate) and the actual result for 2017-18 and 2018-19 for each revenue category detailed in your operating statement. Please also indicate what any additional revenue was used for or how any reduced amounts of revenue affected service delivery and then link it to the relevant output and portfolio.

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

2017-18 Response

Revenue category	2017-18 Budget estimate (\$ million)	2017-18 actual (\$ million)	Explanations for changes ±10% or \$100 million	How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue. If no impact, explain why	Relevant output(s) and portfolio(s)
Government Grants	1.584	5.056	Government grants fluctuate year on year depending on works undertaken. Additional grants were received for salinity works.	The revenue enabled additional salinity works to be undertaken.	N/A
Connections Funding	189.856	62.558	The amount of Connections Project revenue is based on the reset delivery plan for the project.	No impact - Connections Project funding is received in line with the reset delivery plan.	N/A
Contracting Services	18.880	15.325	Contracting Services fluctuate year by year depending on works undertaken. Less than budgeted works were undertaken in 2017-18 on behalf of the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA).	Contracting Services is made up of revenue from the Government Services Contract and the MDBA Contract. The reduced amount of revenue received reflected the amount of works undertaken.	N/A

Other Revenue	10.473	9.225	Other income is an	The variance to budget of \$1 million	N/A
			amalgamation of a	does not have a material impact on	
			number of favourable and	total revenue.	
			unfavourable variances.		
			Such as:	Fees for Service Revenue is driven by	
			• Leasing and Licencing	customer activity. If revenue is	
			revenue was less than	reduced, there is a corresponding	
			budgeted due to a	reduction in expenditure meaning	
			lower number of	there is a nil impact on the business.	
			licences and grazing		
			leases issued.	Additional revenue from Permanent	
			Fees for Service	Water Share Sales and Allocations	
			Revenue is lower than	was retained by GMW.	
			budget. These are ad		
			hoc and charged	Reduced income in non-core	
			when customers	business areas reduced the level of	
			require GMW to	activities undertaken for Leasing and	
			perform certain	Licensing and Power Generation.	
			specified services.		
			• Water Share Transfers		
			and Trades are lower		
			than budget. These		
			are dependent upon		
			customer demand.		
			• Power Generation is		
			favourable to budget,		
			due to higher levels of		
			throughput increasing		
			the revenue		
			generated.		

2018-19 Response

Revenue category	2018-19 Budget estimate (\$ million)	2018-19 actual (\$ million)	Explanations for changes ±10% or \$100 million	How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue. If no impact, explain why	Relevant output(s) and portfolio(s)
Government Grants	0.300	4.141	Government grants fluctuate year on year depending on works undertaken. Additional grants were received for salinity works.	Additional government grants revenue was utilised for works on salinity projects.	N/A
Connections Funding	132.357	83.273	The amount of Connections Project revenue is based on the reset delivery plan for the project.	No impact - Connections Project funding is received in line with the reset delivery plan.	N/A
Contracting Services	22.142	15.163	Contracting Services fluctuates year by year depending on works undertaken. Less than budgeted works were undertaken on MDBA contracts and for other external clients.	Contracting Services is made up of revenue from the Government Services Contract and the MDBA Contract. The reduced amount of revenue received reflected the amount of works undertaken.	N/A
Other Revenue	8.232	19.510	 Other income is an amalgamation of a number of favourable and unfavourable variances. Such as: Power Generation is favourable to budget, due to higher levels of throughput increasing 	Fees for Service Revenue is driven by customer activity. If revenue is reduced, there is a corresponding reduction in expenditure meaning there is a nil impact on the business. Additional revenue from Permanent Water Share Sales and Allocations was retained by GMW.	N/A

	revenue is unfavourable to budget due to lower than budgeted licences and grazing leases issued. Other Revenue is favourable to budget due to sale of water entitlements which were unbudgeted.	Reduced income in non-core business areas reduced the level of activities undertaken for Leasing and Licensing and Power Generation.	
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Section D: Expenses

Question 10 (all departments and entities) Expenses changed from previous year

Please explain any changes equal to or greater than ±10% or \$100 million with regards to the actual result for 2016-17 and 2017-18 for each category of expenses detailed in your operating statement, the initial budget estimate (not the revised budget), and 2017-18 and 2018-19 actual results. Please also detail the outcomes in the community² achieved by any additional expenses or the impact on the community of reduced expenses (if there was no impact, please explain how that was achieved).

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

2017-18 Response

Expenses category	2016-17 Actual \$ million	2017-18 Budget estimate \$ million	2017-18 Actual \$ million	Explanations for variances ±10% or \$100 million	Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses. If no impact, how was this achieved
Operations, Maintenance and Administration expense WSD	49.116	53.163	55.474	2017-18 Expenditure was higher than 2016-17 due to a higher contribution to DELWP for the running of MDBA. All other expenditure was actually lower in 2017-18 but offset by the contribution for the running of MDBA.	The increase in expenditure in 2017- 18 was covered by increased revenue in the specific customer base impacted through the Annual Price Review process.
Connections Project Costs	36.590	160.213	43.610	Variance in the Connections Project expenditure is due to the re-phasing of Connections Project delivery of Customer owned assets.	No impact - Connections expenditure is driven by Connections funding received.
Depreciation & Amortisation	103.448	114.073	100.987	Depreciation was lower than budgeted due to less newly constructed assets being transferred from the	Nil impact. As GMW is a regulated authority statutory depreciation is used only for annual reporting. Revenue generation is based on

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				Connections Project to GMW than anticipated. This resulted in lower fixed assets and therefore depreciation. Depreciation was higher in 2016-17 than 2017-18 due to asset disposals from the Connections Project and decommissioning of assets processed in 2017-18.	regulatory depreciation. Regulatory depreciation cannot be calculated on gifted assets from the Connections Project. Therefore, there was no impact from the reduced statutory depreciation on GMW's ability to generate revenue.
Loss on Disposal	22.630	15.000	43.280	Asset disposals are primarily due to Connections project activity in rationalising gravity irrigation system assets.	Lower net profits reduce GMW's ability to internally fund its capital expenditure program and result in lower tax.

2018-19 Response

Expenses category	2017-18 Actual \$ million	2018-19 Budget estimate \$ million	2018-19 Actual \$ million	Explanations for variances ±10% or \$100 million	Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses. If no impact, how was this achieved
Connections Project costs	43.610	110.879	70.647	Variance in the Connections Project expenditure is due to the re-set of Connections Project delivery of assets.	No impact - Connections expenditure is driven by Connections funding received.
Environmental Contribution	1.686	2.793	2.793	Increase in statutory levy under the Water Industry Act 1994.	Impact to GMW customers in increased revenue/fees to cover additional contribution.
Loss on Disposal	43,280	15,000	26,722	Asset disposals are primarily due to Connections Project activity in rationalising gravity irrigation system assets.	Lower net profits compared to budget reduce GMW's ability to internally fund its capital expenditure program.

Question 11 (all departments and entities) Changes to service delivery from savings initiatives Not applicable.

Question 12 (all departments) Achievement of reprioritisation of existing resources Not applicable.

Question 13 (all departments) Contractors, Consultants and Labour Hire Arrangements Not applicable.

Question 14 (PNFC and PFC entities only) Dividends and other amounts paid to the general government sector

Please detail the type and value of dividends, amounts equivalent to dividends, non-dividend grants, and capital repatriations paid by your agency to the general government sector in 2017-18 and 2018-19, explaining the reasons for any significant changes over that period and the impact of any changes on the entity.

2017-18 Response

Type of dividend paid	2017-18 Budget (\$ million) BP 5, pg. 21	2017-18 Actual (\$ million)	Explanations for variances ±10% or \$100 million	Impact on the agency. If no impact, how was this achieved	Funding ratio at 30 June 2018
NOT APPLICABLE					

2018-19 Response

Type of dividend paid	2018-19 Budget (\$ million) BP 5, pg. 21	2018-19 Actual (\$ million)	Explanations for variances ±10% or \$100 million	Impact on the agency. If no impact, how was this achieved	Funding ratio at 30 June 2019
NOT APPLICABLE					

Section E: Public sector workforce

Question 15 (all departments and entities) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff by level and category

Please fully complete the table below, providing actual FTE staff numbers at 30 June 2016, at 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2018 (broken down by the categories listed below) for the department. Please include specific categories as relevant to the department/entity and where relevant, provide a description of what categories constitute 'other'. Please provide figures consolidated on the same basis as the expenditure for the department in the budget papers and detail which, if any, entities are included in the FTE numbers provided.

Category	30 June 2017 Actual FTE number	30 June 2018 Actual FTE number	30 June 2019 Actual FTE number
Secretary			
EO-1			
EO-2			
EO-3			
VPS Grade 7 (STS)			
VPS Grade 6			
VPS Grade 5			
VPS Grade 4			
VPS Grade 3			
VPS Grade 2			
VPS Grade 1			
Government Teaching Service			
Health services			
Police			
Nurses/Midwives			
Allied health professionals			
Child protection			
Disability development and support			
*Youth custodial officers			
*Custodial officers			
**Other	747.6	688.7	627.9
Total	747.6	688.7	627.9

*Please provide a breakdown for Youth custodial and Custodial officers by level (for example, YW1, YW2, YW3, YW4, YW5 and YW6).

****Other includes:**

Numbers include FTE for the following entities:

Goulburn-Murray Water Rural Water Corporation

Question 16 (all departments and entities) Salary by employment category

In the table below, please detail the salary costs for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, broken down by ongoing, fixed-term and casual, and explain any variances equal to or greater than ±10% or \$100 million between the years for each category.

Employment category	Gross salary 2016-17 (\$ million)	Gross salary 2017-18 (\$ million)	Gross salary 2018-19 (\$ million)	Explanation for any year-on-year variances ±10% or \$100 million
Ongoing	51.1	52.2	49.1	
Fixed-term	4.4	3.9	3.3	Connections project has been in a downtrend as the project is coming to an end. Water Storage & Delivery has been on a new hire freeze to enable staff numbers.
Casual	0.3	0.6	0.5	Casuals are hired due to seasonal requirements
Total	55.8	56.7	52.9	

The amounts quoted above are salary only and do not include employee entitlements or on-costs.

Question 17 (all departments and entities) Executive salary increases

Please detail the number of executives who received increases in their base remuneration in 2017-18 and 2018-19, breaking that information down according to what proportion of their salary the increase was, and explaining the reasons for executives' salaries increasing in each bracket.

2017-18 Response

Increase in base remuneration	Number of executives receiving increases in their base rate of remuneration of this amount in 2017-18, apart from normal increases due to employment agreements	Reasons for these increases
0-3%	-	
3-5%	-	
5-10%	-	
10-15%	-	
greater than 15%	-	

2018-19 Response

Increase in base remuneration	Number of executives receiving increases in their base rate of remuneration of this amount in 2018-19, apart from normal increases due to employment agreements	Reasons for these increases
0-3%		
3-5%	-	
5-10%	-	
10-15%		
greater than 15%	-	

Executives only received pay increases in line with Government Sector Executive Remuneration Panel increases.

Question 18 (all departments and entities) Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBAs)

Refer to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's response to the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Financial and Performance Outcomes Questionnaire.

Section F: Government decisions impacting on the finances

Question 19 (all departments and entities) Commonwealth Government decisions

Please identify any Commonwealth Government decisions during 2017-18 and 2018-19 which had not been anticipated/not been concluded before the finalisation of the State budget in 2017-18 and 2018-19 and their impact(s) on the department's/entity's finances or activities during those years (including new funding agreements, discontinued agreements and changes to funding levels). Please quantify the impact on income and expenses where possible.

2017-18 Response

Commonwealth Government decision	Impact(s) in 2017-18			
	on income (\$ million)	on expenses (\$ million)		
NOT APPLICABLE				

2018-19 Response

Commonwealth Government decision	Impact(s) in 2018-19			
	on income (\$ million)	on expenses (\$ million)		
NOT APPLICABLE				

Question 20 (all departments and entities) Council of Australian Governments (COAG) decisions Not applicable.

Section G: General

Question 21 (all departments and entities) Key audit matters

Please list any Key Audit Matters (KAMs) identified by the Victorian Auditor General in the department/entities 2017-18 and 2018-19 annual reports and provide information about the associated actions taken by the department/entity to benefit future disclosures or manage associated risks, since the KAMs were identified.

2017-18 Response

Key audit matters identified N/A	Actions taken
N/A	

2018-19 Response

Key audit matters identified	Actions taken
N/A	

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Question 22 (all departments and entities) Reviews/studies undertaken

- a) Please list all internal and external reviews/studies commenced or completed by or on behalf of the department/agency in 2017-18 and 2018-19 and provide the following information:
 - i. Name of the review/study and which portfolio and output/agency is responsible
 - ii. Reasons for the review/study
 - iii. Terms of reference/scope of the review/study
 - iv. Timeline for the review/study
 - v. Anticipated outcomes of the review/study
 - vi. Estimated cost of the review/study and final cost (if completed)
 - vii. Final cost if completed
 - viii. Where completed, whether the review/study is publicly available and where.

2017-18 Response

Name of the review (portfolio(s) and output(s)/agency responsible)	Reasons for the review/study	Term of reference/scope	Timeline	Anticipated outcomes	Estimated cost (\$)	Final cost if completed (\$)	Publicly available (Y/N) and URL
N/A							

2018-19 Response

Name of the review (portfolio(s) and output(s)/agency responsible)	Reasons for the review/study	Term of reference/scope	Timeline	Anticipated outcomes	Estimated cost (\$)	Final cost if completed (\$)	Publicly available (Y/N) and URL
Delivery Share Review – led by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Actions are being completed by GMW and LMW.	To better support irrigation communities and districts as they adjust to rapid, continuing changes in land and water use.	As part of the actions assigned to GMW through the Delivery Share Review, GMW will complete the following: 1. Provide support for facilitated markets in delivery shares and meet customer information requirements 2. Develop the economic and financial aspects of limited term contracts 3. Develop the legal aspects of limited term contracts 4. Design and implement a spatial	2019-20	A platform for customers to be able to trade their delivery shares to better signal infrastructure requirements within the Goulburn- Murray Irrigation District (GMID).	\$400,000 ex GST.	Not completed	Yes: https://engage.vic.gov.au/delivery- share-review

information
portal
5. Create a
delivery share
accumulation
algorithm using
spatial
information
6. Determine the
principles for
termination fee
discounts
7. Provide
support for
pricing effects of
the Delivery
Share Review
and other
Government
decisions
8. Review the
Transformation
business cans
and
implementation
plan.

b) Please outline the Department's/Agencies in house skills/capabilities/expertise to conduct reviews/studies/evaluations/data analysis of the programs and services for which the Department /Agency is responsible.

GMW has an appropriate level of in house skills/capabilities/expertise. Where required, additional external support is engaged.

Question 23 (all departments and entities) Annual reports – performance measure targets and objective indicators Not applicable.

Question 24 (all departments and entities) Challenges experienced by department/agency

Refer to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's response to the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Financial and Performance Outcomes Questionnaire.

Question 25 (all departments) Newly created bodies

Not applicable.

Section H: Implementation of previous recommendations

Question 26 (relevant departments only)

Not applicable.

Section I: Department of Treasury and Finance only

Question 27 (DTF only) Revenue certification

Not applicable.

Question 28 (DTF only) Net cash flows from investments in financial assets for policy purposes – General Government Sector (GGS) Not applicable.

Question 29 (DTF only) Purchases of non-financial assets – General Government Sector (GGS) Not applicable.

Question 30 (DTF only) Revenue initiatives

Not applicable.

Question 31 (DTF only) Expenses by departments – General Government Sector (GGS) Not applicable.

Question 32 (DTF only) Economic variables Not applicable.

Question 33 (DTF only) Resource Management Framework – Funding reviews Not applicable.

Section J: Treasury Corporation of Victoria only

Question 34 Dividends

Not applicable.

Question 35 Commodity risk management Not applicable.

Question 36 Foreign exchange risk management Not applicable.

Question 37 Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects Not applicable.

Question 38 Green Bonds Not applicable.