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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Treasurer

Ref:

Hearing Date: 26/07/2023

In relation to: Network Facilities Tax

- Is it possible for this tax to collect differing rates depending on the type of utility?
- Can a breakdown of Network Facilities Tax Revenue by utility type (Electrical, Gas, Telecom, Water, Sewerage) be provided for FY 2022-23?

Mr Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Utilities Network Facilities Tax is a tax on network facilities on land in the ACT, such as powerlines, pipes over or under land and telecommunications cabling. The tax is payable by owners of network facilities and helps fund the ACT's essential services.

While a utility network may include electricity transmission and distribution networks, gas transmission and distribution networks, sewerage, water and telecommunications networks, a single tax rate applies. Currently this has been determined at \$1,354 per kilometre of network route length. It would be possible to set a different rate depending on the type of utility.

Multiple networks of various types of utilities can run side by side through ACT land and the land has the same value regardless of which network's power, pipes or cabling is under or over the land.

The Utilities Network Facilities Tax revenue for 2022-23 is broken down as follows:

Utility network ¹	2022/23 UNFT (\$'000)
Electricity Distribution	8,882
Electricity Transmission	183
Gas Distribution	7,925
Gas Transmission	8
Sewerage	5,168
Telecommunications	17,872
Water	6,436

¹ A 'utility network' is defined in the *Utilities (Network Facilities Tax) Act 2006*, section 7 as an electricity transmission network, an electricity network for the distribution of electricity, a gas transmission network, a gas distribution network, a sewerage network, a water network, a telecommunications network for communication between members of the public or any other network prescribed by legislation.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA