



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Me Carrick MLA

Addressed to: IconWater

In relation to: Price regulations - report from ICRC

Hearing: 27 July 2026

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Answer Due: 9 August 2026

Ms Yau took on notice the following question(s):

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Ms Yau: So as the ICRC look at that, they are looking at whether they do revisit or not having flushing fixture charges, or whether to do something different, and so the actual waste water tariff, and whether something different is actually actively being looked at, which may well mean changes across the board.

MS CARRICK: When is that due to report?

Ms Yau: I do not have that timeline with me at the moment.

MS CARRICK: Can you just take that on notice and tell us when it is due to report.

Ms Yau: Yes, we can take that on notice.

[Ms Yau]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Icon Water's charges for water and wastewater services are regulated by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC). Under the current arrangements, non-residential customer wastewater charges include a supply charge plus a flushing fixture charge for each flushing fixture in excess of two.

To consider whether alternative charging structures could improve the efficiency of the current sewerage services tariff, the ICRC commenced a wastewater tariff review in November 2025, which includes considering the adoption of alternative charging mechanisms. Icon Water has provided submissions to the review outlining the potential basis of tariff reform.

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The ICRC is considering all submissions to the review and is scheduled to publish its draft determination in September 2026, with the final decision due in February 2027. Icon Water's charges are set on a five-year regulatory cycle. Any changes in tariff structures resulting from the review would not commence before the start of the next cycle on 1 July 2028, and would consider implementation and transition timelines to ensure a smooth transition for customers.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

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