

Ms Rachel Simpson
Director
Joint Select Committee on the Cross City Tunnel
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Simpson

I refer to your letter of 5 April 2006 to Sydney Water's General Manager, Asset Solutions, Mr Ron Quill, regarding the questions taken on notice by Mr Quill on 3 April 2006 at the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Cross City Tunnel.

Please find attached Sydney Water's responses to the questions.

Should you require further assistance, please contact me on 9350 5768.

Yours sincerely



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Luke Mortimer
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Responses to Questions on Notice taken by Mr Ron Quill of Sydney Water at the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Cross-City Tunnel

Question

What is a rough estimate of the cost of (lease or purchase of the pilot plant installed by Veolia Water Systems)?

Answer

Sydney Water has a budget of approximately \$1.3 million to acquire, whether by purchase or lease, the pilot plant infrastructure to perform the necessary testing of seawater. Commercial negotiations are proceeding with Veolia Water for the use of its pilot plant. Any payment to Veolia Water for the use of its pilot plant will only be a portion of this budget, as significant other infrastructure is required.

Question

There has been a bit of publicity lately about Services Sydney proposal with regard to the sewerage and water that Sydney Water has control of. Sydney Water has been resistant. I was interested in what your modeling shows with regard to the viability of the project, how much it would cost and your assessment of it?

Answer

Services Sydney has not provided the detail of its project, so analysis and costing of the proposal has not been possible.