



2018-19 AEMO Final Budget and Fees

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Australian Energy Market Operator Limited

Executive Summary

Introduction

The 2018-19 final budget provides a consolidated view of AEMO's 2018-19 revenue and expenses, fees for 2018-19 and estimates for the following four year period.

Energy **Security**,
Reliability and
Affordability for all
Australians.

The operating environment is changing and complexity is increasing that is driving a need for additional resources, particularly in the NEM.

Increased complexities of managing the grid day to day

- Summer preparedness
- Operational forecasting
- RERT, frequency standards
- Training – Real Time Operations
- Strategic Reserves

Managing the changing nature of generation

- Integrated System Plan
- New connections
- Generator retirements
- Innovation - Proof of Concepts

Modernising our markets

- NEM 5 minute settlements
- Gas market reform
- GBB enhancements
- Western Power system transition and WA market reforms
- Market design enhancements

Cyber uplift and technology refresh
People and leadership development
Stakeholder communication

The key points of the 2018-19 final budget are:

- AEMO continues to prudently manage our costs. Historically this has resulted in fees reducing in real terms. However the environment is changing rapidly, resulting in the need for additional resources and investment.
- The National Electricity Market (NEM) fee is proposed to increase by 8% in 2018-19.
- The majority of gas market fees are stable or decreasing.
- AEMO confirms it is committed to continue to closely manage its costs and will continue to identify further opportunities for efficiencies.

Final 2018-19 fees

Table 1 — Fees

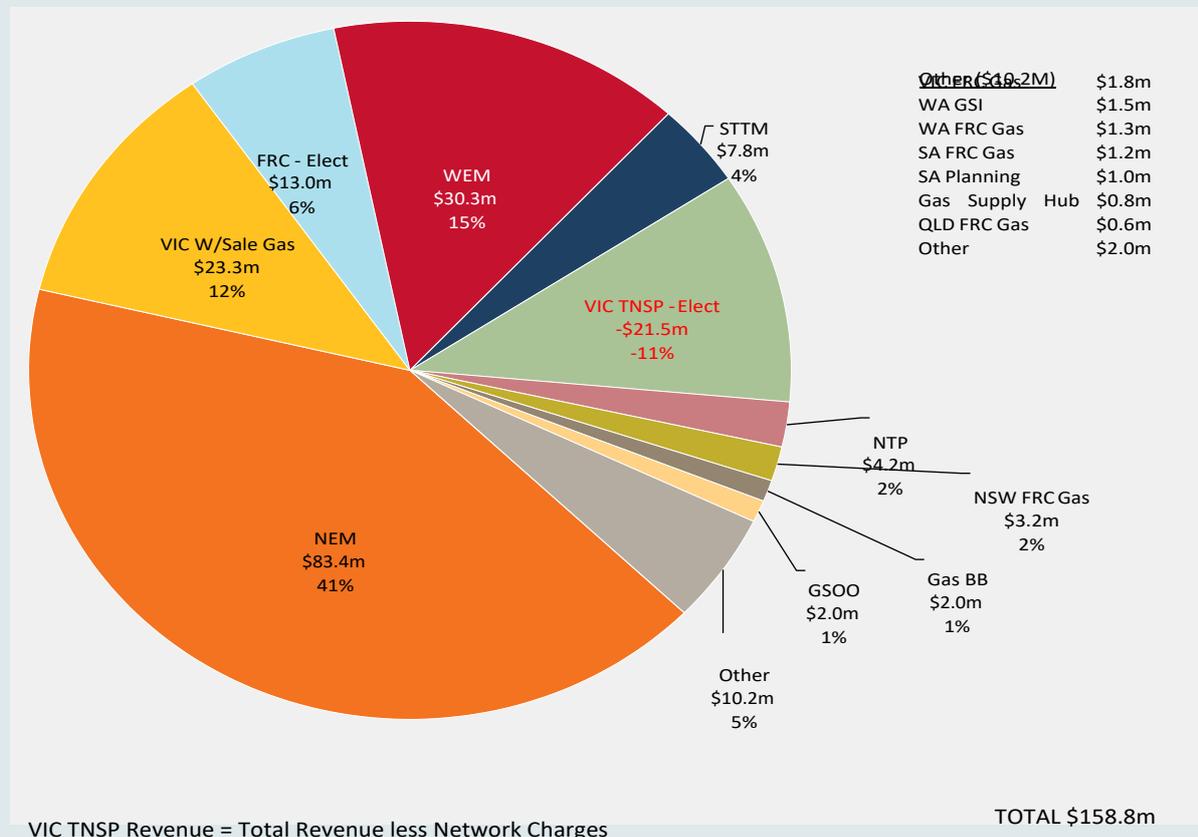
Function	Budget 2018-19	Current 2017-18	Change	Key drivers of fee changes
Electricity				
NEM (\$/MWh)	0.44	0.41	↑ 8%	Increased grid operation costs, managing changing nature of generation and modernising our markets.
FRC - Electricity (\$/MWh)	0.077	0.075	↑ 3%	To recover costs associated with the Power of Choice program.
National Transmission Planner (\$/MWh)	0.02339	0.02126	↑ 10%	Uplift in forecasting and planning and preparation of the Integrated System Plan (which incorporates the National Transmission Development Plan).
VIC TNSP - TUOS Fees (\$'000)	462,312	474,580	↓ -3%	Higher settlement residue revenue due to higher spot prices.
WA WEM Fee (\$/MWh)	0.833	0.791	↑ 5%	Increased fee due to lower energy consumption in 2017-18. Expenditure is in-line with WA Economic Regulatory Authority Allowable Revenue.
Gas				
DWGM - Energy Tariff (\$/GJ withdrawn)	0.08459	0.08544	↓ -1%	
STTM - Activity Fee (\$/GJ withdrawn)	0.05192	0.06884	↓ -25%	Reduced costs due to market establishment assets being fully depreciated and funding being repaid.
VIC FRC Gas (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.06893	0.08305	↓ -17%	Reduced fees due to higher than budget prior year revenues and stable operating costs.
QLD FRC Gas (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.22256	0.22256	↔ 0%	
SA FRC Gas (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.21484	0.22615	↓ -5%	
NSW & ACT FRC Gas (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.16410	0.16918	↓ -3%	
WA FRC Gas (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.13485	0.13485	↔ 0%	
Gas Statement of Opportunities (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.03799	0.03518	↑ 8%	Uplift in gas forecasting focus and additional insights reports.
Gas Supply Hub - daily (\$/GJ)	0.03	0.03	↔ 0%	
Gas Supply Hub - weekly (\$/GJ)	0.02	0.02	↔ 0%	
Gas Supply Hub - monthly (\$/GJ)	0.01	0.01	↔ 0%	
Gas Bulletin Board (\$'000)	1,997	1,429	↑ 40%	Increased due to improvements in the GBB to enhance breadth and accuracy of information.
WA Gas Services Information (\$'000)	1,520	1,527	↔ 0%	
Other				
SA Planning (\$'000)	1,000	1,000	↔ 0%	
Settlement Residue Auctions (\$'000)	295	295	↔ 0%	
Fees collected on behalf of Energy Consumers Australia (ECA)				
ECA (Electricity) (\$ per connection point for small customer per week)	0.00985	0.00979	↑ 1%	
ECA (Gas) (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.03547	0.03199	↑ 11%	

AEMO's revenue by function

AEMO operates 19 functions across electricity and gas. The chart below outlines the revenue to be collected in 2018-19 by function to recover our operating costs.

Our largest function is our role in operating the grids and markets (42% of total revenue excluding our Victorian TNSP role) in the National Electricity Market.

Figure 1 – 2018-19 revenue by function



Financial Summary

The table below provides a financial summary of the final 2018-19 profit and loss, and accumulated surplus/ (deficit) position in comparison to the current budget 2017-18.

Table 2 — Financial Summary

	AEMO (excl. Vic TNSP)			Victorian TNSP			TOTAL AEMO		
	Budget 2017-18 \$m	Budget 2018-19 \$m	Variance \$m	Budget 2017-18 \$m	Budget 2018-19 \$m	Variance \$m	Budget 2017-18 \$m	Budget 2018-19 \$m	Variance \$m
NET REVENUE	175	180	(5)	-	(22)	22	175	159	(16)
OPERATING COSTS (excluding incremental RIT-T costs and new connections recoverable costs)	183	208	(25)	6	6	-	189	214	(25)
Incremental RIT-T costs and new connections recoverable costs	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	8	8
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	183	208	(25)	6	14	8	189	222	33
ANNUAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(8)	(28)	(20)	(6)	(36)	(30)	(14)	(63)	(49)
Transfer (to)/from Reserves/Recoveries	3	5	2	(4)	(6)	(2)	(1)	(1)	-
Brought Forward Surplus	7	6	(1)	10	42	31	18	48	30
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2	(16)	(19)	-	-	-	2	(16)	(19)

* The Budget 2017-18 column reflects the published annual budget plus a revision to budgeted costs. Market fees however have been calculated based on the costs from the published annual budget to reflect consistency.

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1. Fees

1.1 National Electricity Market

- Purpose of this function
- Power system security and reliability
 - Market operations and systems
 - Wholesale metering, settlements and prudential supervision.
 - Longer term energy forecasting and planning services (for the eastern and southern Australian states.)

The changing energy environment and impact

Since the inception of AEMO in 2009, the NEM fee has decreased in real terms, as AEMO has applied strong commercial discipline in managing its costs.

The changing energy environment is resulting in additional resources and investment being needed to manage:

- Increased complexities of managing the grid day to day
- Changing nature of generation resulting in planning and forecasting becoming more complex
- Modernising our future markets and systems to be fit for purpose
- Uplifting our cyber security practices to manage business risk

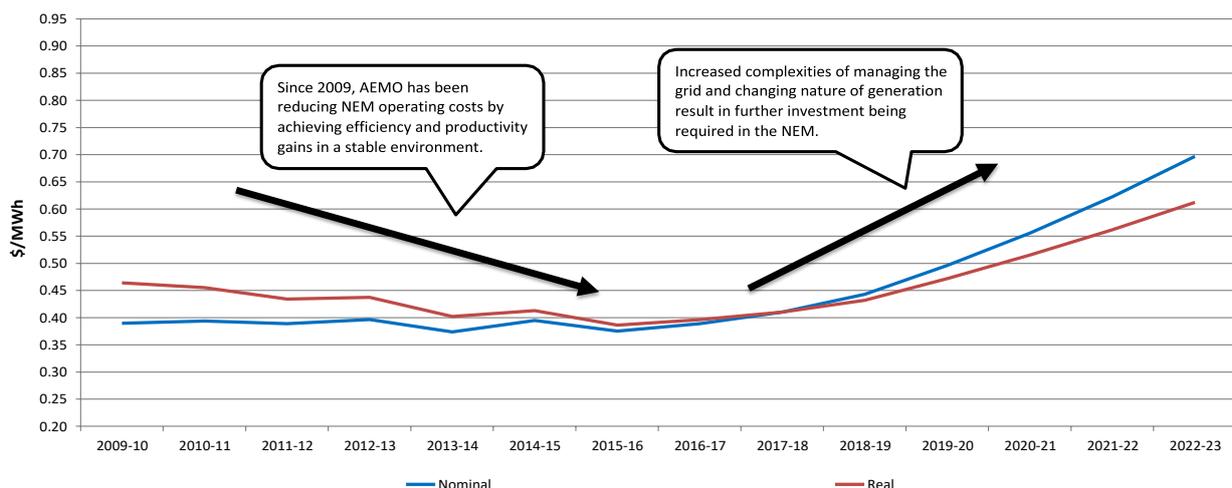
Fees

The current NEM fee is \$0.41/MWh.

The final NEM fee for 2018-19 is \$0.44/MWh (+8%). The fee is then estimated to increase to 12% for each of the forward 4 years.

The 8%+ increases proposed for the NEM in 2018-19 and forward years reflect AEMO recovering the additional costs from participants over a five year period to reduce fee volatility to participants.

Figure 2 – NEM projected fees



Real values are the nominal amounts adjusted for inflation. Prices have been calculated relative to the 2017-18 price.

Other notes

In-line with the National Electricity Rules, PCF fees will be charged to the value of \$1m in 2018-19.

Table 3 — NEM projected fees (indicative benchmark)

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
NEM fee (\$/MW·h)	0.41	0.44 +8%	0.50 +12%	0.56 +12%	0.62 +12%	0.70 +12%

1.1.1 NEM energy consumption

The budgeted consumption for 2018-19 is based on available data estimates used in the 2018 National Electricity Forecast Report (NEFR).

The 2018-19 consumption is expected to decrease then flatten in the forward years mainly due to increased solar PV uptake and energy efficiency being offset by population growth.

For market customers, our **NEM fee methodology** levies fees on a **\$ per MWh consumption basis**. An energy forecast is factored into the calculation of the AEMO fees. For generators, our **NEM fee methodology** levies fees on a **\$ per day** based on capacity and energy produced.

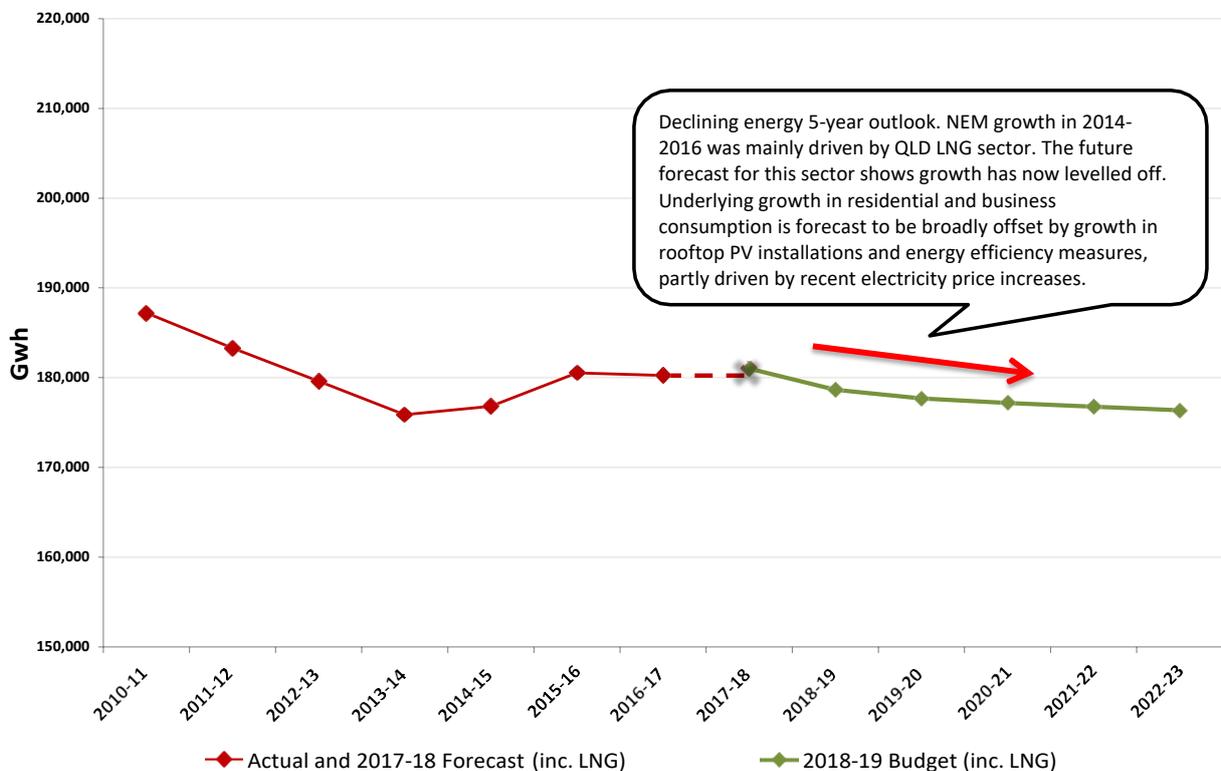
Table 4 — NEM consumption

GWh	Budget 2017-18	Forecast ¹ 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
NEM	181,895	181,009 -0.5%	178,650 -1.8%	177,673 -0.5%	177,187 -0.3%	176,755 -0.2%	176,359 -0.2%

¹Forecast annual 2017-18 consumption as at April 2018.

Figure 3 below demonstrates the forecast energy consumption used to calculate the NEM fee.

Figure 3 – Annual electricity consumption (market customer load)



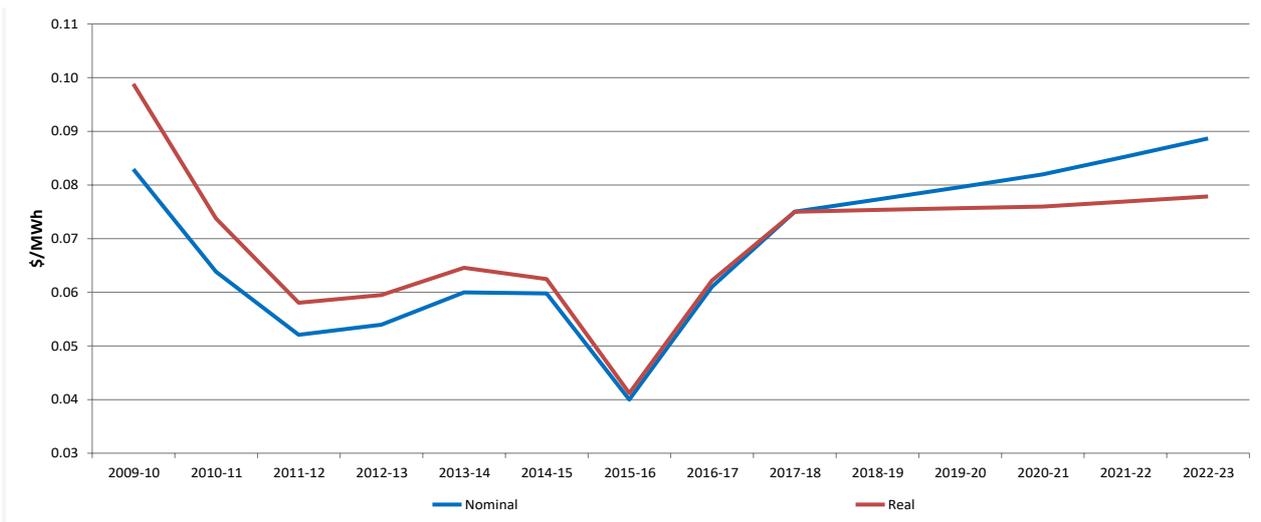
1.2 Full Retail Contestability (FRC) Electricity

Purpose of this function	To facilitate retail market competition in the east coast and southern states of Australia by managing and supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data for settlement purposes • Customer transfers • Business to business processes • Market procedure changes
Fees	The current FRC Electricity fee is \$0.075/MWh. This fee will increase to \$0.077/MWh in 2018-19 (3% higher than 2017-18).
Other notes	The Power of Choice program was successfully completed in December 2017. The project costs will be amortised over a five year period and have been incorporated into the projected fees. In accordance with AEMO's current electricity fee methodology, from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019, fees are collected on the current MWh energy consumed basis. From 1 July 2019, fees will be collected on a per connection point basis. For forward budget estimates from 2019-20 to 2022-23 please note the MWh basis has continued to be used to demonstrate the fee trend % for forward years only.

Table 5 — FRC Electricity Projected Fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
(\$/MWh-h)	0.075	0.077 +3%	0.080 +3%	0.082 +3%	0.085 +4%	0.089 +4%

Figure 4 – FRC electricity projected fees



Real values are the nominal amounts adjusted for inflation. Prices have been calculated relative to the 2017–18 price.

1.3 National Transmission Planner (NTP)

Purpose of this function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering the annual National Transmission Network Development Plan (NTNDP). Other activities involve preparing the Independent Planning Reports for New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland, Connection Point Forecasts and work on the Network Capability Incentive Performance process.
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Fees	<p>The current NTP fee is \$0.02126/MWh.</p> <p>This fee will increase to \$0.02339 in 2018-19 (10% higher than 2017-18).</p> <p>This increase next year and future years reflects additional resources and investment to uplift forecasting and planning and preparation of the Integrated System Plan (which incorporates the National Transmission Development Plan).</p>
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Table 6 — National Transmission Planner Project Fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
(\$/MW-h)	0.02126	0.02339 +10%	0.02502 +7%	0.02677 +7%	0.02865 +7%	0.03065 +7%

1.4 Victorian Electricity Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP)

Purpose of this function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AEMO provides shared transmission network services to users of the Victorian Transmission System (DTS). These services include the planning of future requirements and procuring of augmentations in the DTS.
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Fees	<p>Transmission Use of System (TUOS) fees are calculated on an annual break-even basis and are predominately influenced by network charges billed by the Victorian electricity transmission network owners and by estimations of settlement residue receipts.</p> <p>The 2018-19 fees are 3% lower than the 2017-18 fees mainly due to returning a current surplus as a result of higher settlement residue revenue.</p> <p>Forward year estimates have not been made due to the volatility of the factors listed above.</p>
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Table 7 — Projected TUOS Revenue Requirement

Fee	Actual 2017-18 (\$'000)	Budget 2018-19 (\$'000)	Estimate 2019-20 (\$'000)	Estimate 2020-21 (\$'000)	Estimate 2021-22 (\$'000)	Estimate 2022-23 (\$'000)
TUOS fees	474,580 -4%	462,312 -3%	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

1.5 Western Australia Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM)

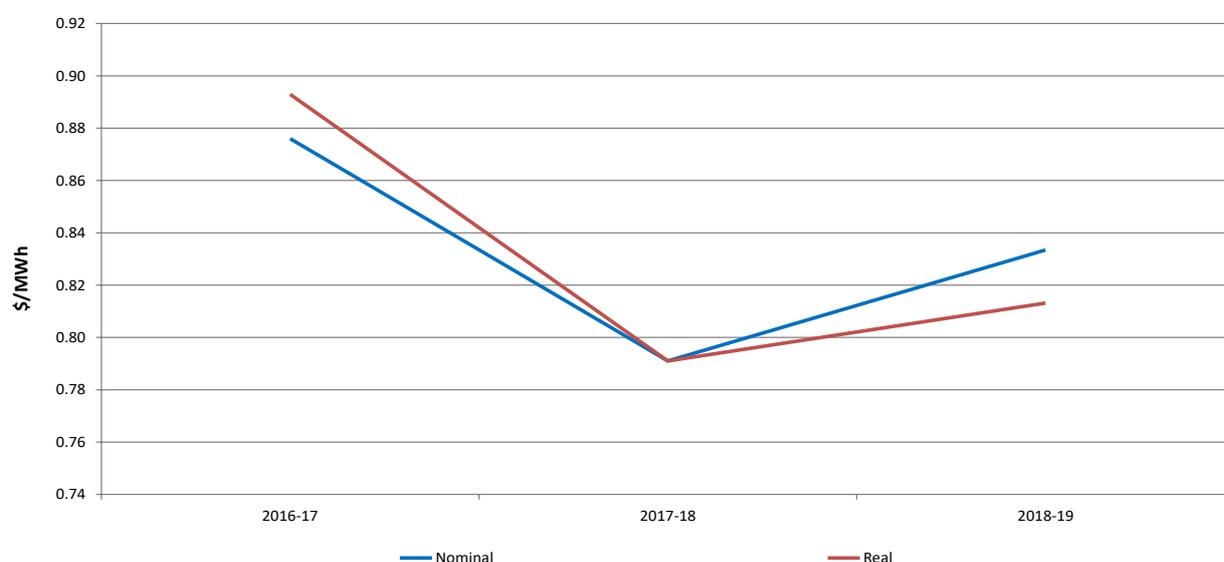
- Purpose of this function
- Power system security and reliability
 - Market operations and systems
 - Wholesale metering, settlements and prudential supervision
 - Longer term energy forecasting and planning services
(for the South West Interconnected System of Western Australia.)

Fees

The current WEM fee is \$0.791/MWh.

This fee will increase to \$0.833 (+5%) in 2018-19 mainly due to an under recovery in the current year as a result of lower than expected energy consumption.

Figure 5 – WEM fees in real and nominal terms



Other notes

Under the Market Rules, AEMO is required to seek pre-approval from the WA Economic Regulatory Authority (ERA) for future budgeted spend in the WEM for both operating costs and capital costs. The current three year ERA allowable revenue determination period will expire at 30 June 2019.

AEMO will be required to lodge a new submission for the periods from 2019-20 to 2021-22 by 31 March 2019. The WEM fee for 2018-19 and forward three years is expected to increase due to the WA Market Reform program.

Table 8 — WA WEM fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22
WEM Market Operator fee (\$/MW·h)	0.357	0.350 -2%	TBC	TBC	TBC
WEM System Management fee (\$/MW·h)	0.434	0.484 +11%	TBC	TBC	TBC
WEM fee (\$/MW·h)	0.791	0.833 +5%	TBC	TBC	TBC
WEM fee (indicative benchmark) ¹ (\$/MW·h)	1.583	1.667	TBC	TBC	TBC

¹ The fee listed above is a benchmark fee calculated by dividing the total cost of the WEM functions by the total forecast consumption. The actual fee charged to both Market Customers and Generators is \$0.350/MWh and 0.484/MWh for the Market Operations and System Management functions respectively.

1.5.1 WEM energy consumption

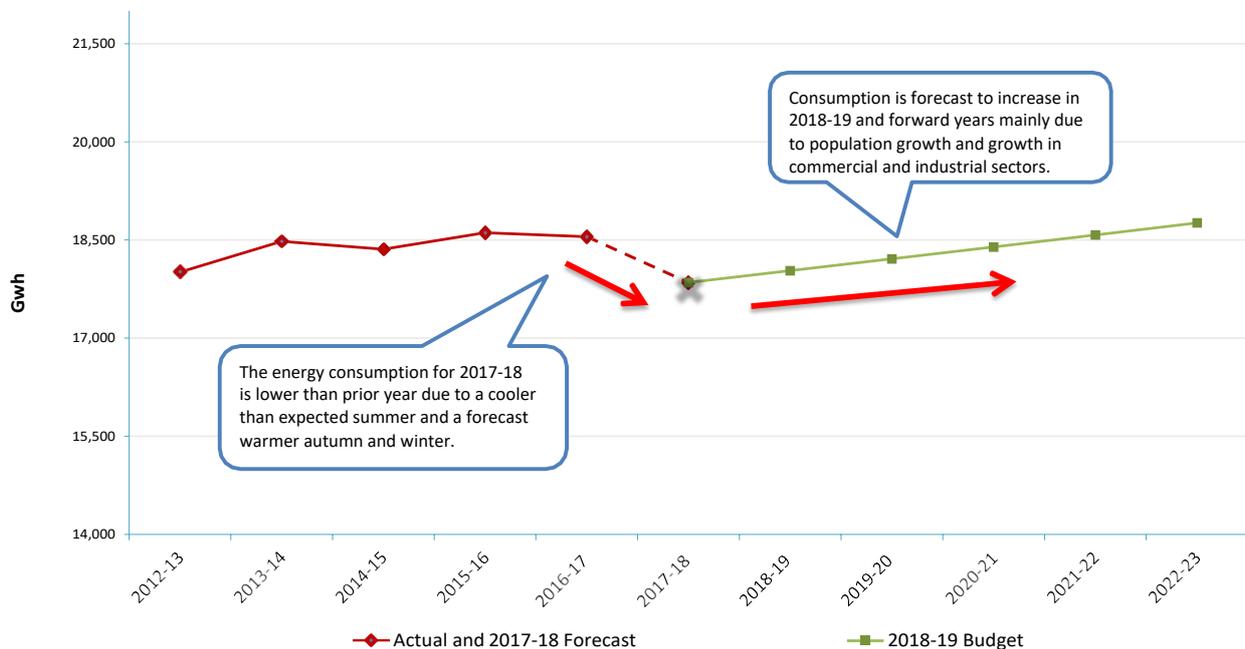
The budgeted consumption for 2018-19 is mainly based on data estimates used in the WA 2017 GSOO and a historical average annual trend to reduce the volatility in fees. Consumption is expected to increase slightly in 2018-19 and forward years mainly due to population, commercial and industrial sectors growth.

Table 9 — WEM consumption

GWh	Budget 2017-18	Forecast 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
Load forecast	18,826	17,850	18,029	18,209	18,391	18,575	18,761
		-5.2%	-4%	+1.0%	+1.0%	+1.0%	+1.0%

Figure 3 below demonstrates the forecast energy consumption used to calculate the WEM fee.

Figure 6 – WA annual electricity consumption



1.6 Declared Wholesale Gas Market (DWGM)

Purpose of this function	<p>To enable competitive dynamic trading based on injections and withdrawals from the transmission system that links producers, major users and retailers.</p> <p>This market provides the following broad services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas system security, market operations and systems. • Gas system reliability and planning. • Wholesale metering and settlements. • Prudential management.
Fees	<p>Energy tariff</p> <p>The current energy tariff is \$0.08544/GJ.</p> <p>This fee will decrease to \$0.08459/GJ in 2018-19 (1% lower than 2017-18) mainly due to carried forward surpluses as a result of higher than expected energy consumption.</p>

Distribution meter fee

The distribution meter fee is paid by each market participant who is connected to a Declared Distribution System, or whose customers are connected to a Declared Distribution System, at a connection point at which there is an interval metering installation.

The distribution meter fee relates to metering data services and is expected to increase to \$1.485/per meter per day in 2018-19. The 2017-18 fee was temporarily lowered to return a surplus from previous years.

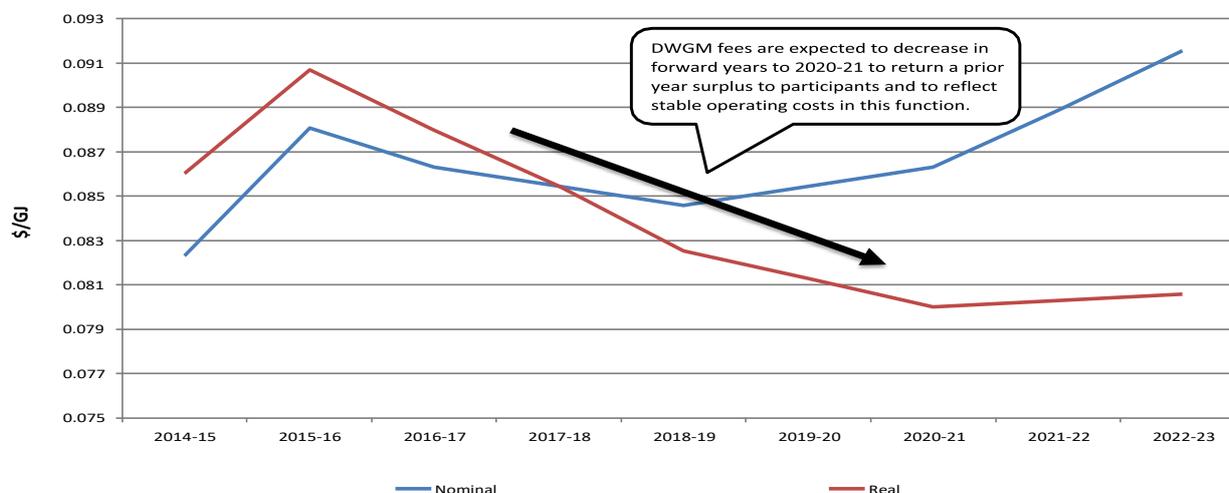
Participant Compensation Fund

The Participant Compensation Fund fee is not required to be charged in 2018-19 as the current level of DWGM PCF funds being held meets the Rules requirement. Estimates of future PCF fees are not provided as they are mainly impacted by future events that may arise from time to time.

Table 10 — Projected DWGM fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
Energy Tariff (\$/GJ)	0.08544 -1%	0.08459 -1%	0.08544 +1%	0.08629 +1%	0.08888 +3%	0.09155 +3%
Distribution Meter (\$/day per meter)	1.16350 -15%	1.48584 +28%	1.38950 -6%	1.42330 +2%	1.46593 +3%	1.50572 +3%
PCF Fee (\$/GJ)	0	0	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

Figure 7 – Projected DWGM fees trend in nominal and real terms



Real values are the nominal amounts adjusted for inflation. Prices have been calculated relative to the 2017–18 price.

1.6.1 DWGM energy consumption

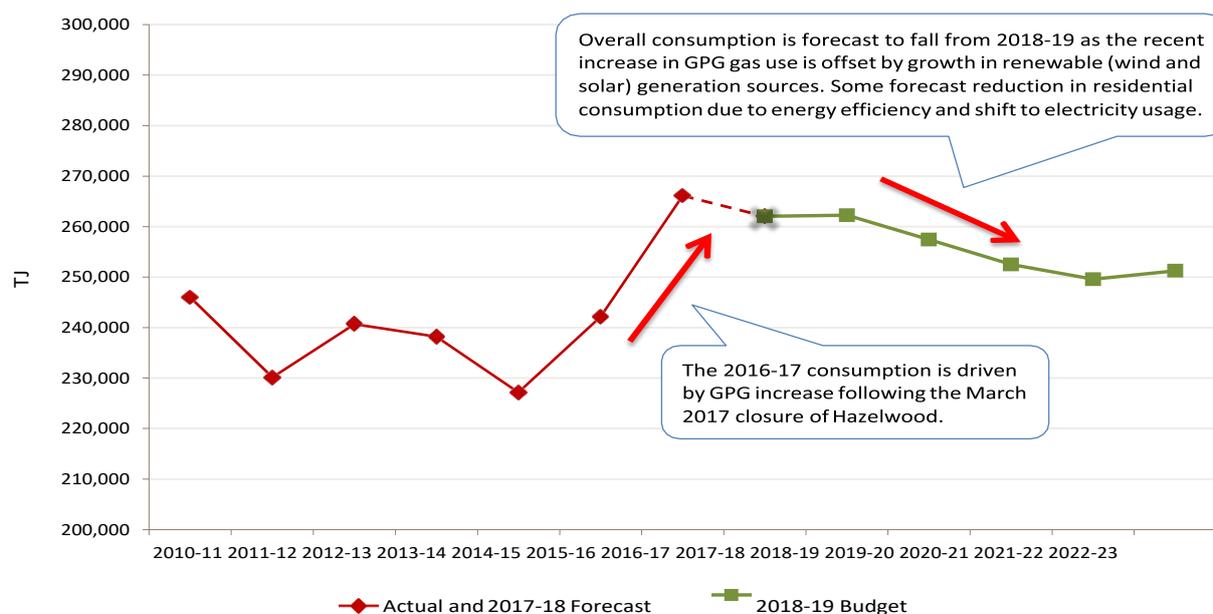
The budgeted consumption for 2018-19 and forward years is based on data estimates used in the September 2017 Gas Statement of Opportunities. Consumption in DWGM is forecast to fall from 2018-19 as the recent increase in GPG is offset by growth in renewable (wind and solar) generation sources. Residential consumption is also forecast to decline slightly due to energy efficiency and shift to electricity usage.

Table 11 — DWGM energy consumption

TJs	Budget 2017-18	Forecast ¹ 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
Domestic	127,045	129,338	129,287	129,344	129,136	128,720	128,346
Industrial	68,355	68,092	68,220	67,917	67,947	67,028	66,712
Export	58,660	49,692	47,825	47,825	47,825	47,825	47,825
GPG	4,857	14,911	16,906	12,348	7,597	5,991	8,360
TOTAL	258,917	262,032	262,238	257,434	252,504	249,563	251,243
		+1.2%	+1.3%	-1.8%	-1.9%	-1.2%	+0.7%

¹ Forecast annual 2018-19 consumption as at April 2018.

Figure 8 – DWGM energy consumption



1.7 Short Term Trading Market (STTM)

Purpose of this function

The purpose of the STTM is to enable a wholesale market gas balancing mechanism at the gas hubs – Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane.

The market is a day ahead market for each hub, and the market sets a daily market price.

The STTM function provides the following broad services:

- Market operations and systems
- Market Operator Service (MOS) – AEMO recovers the pipeline operators’ service costs for their portion of operating costs in relation to the STTM and recovers this from participants.
- Wholesale metering and settlements
- Prudentials management.

Fees

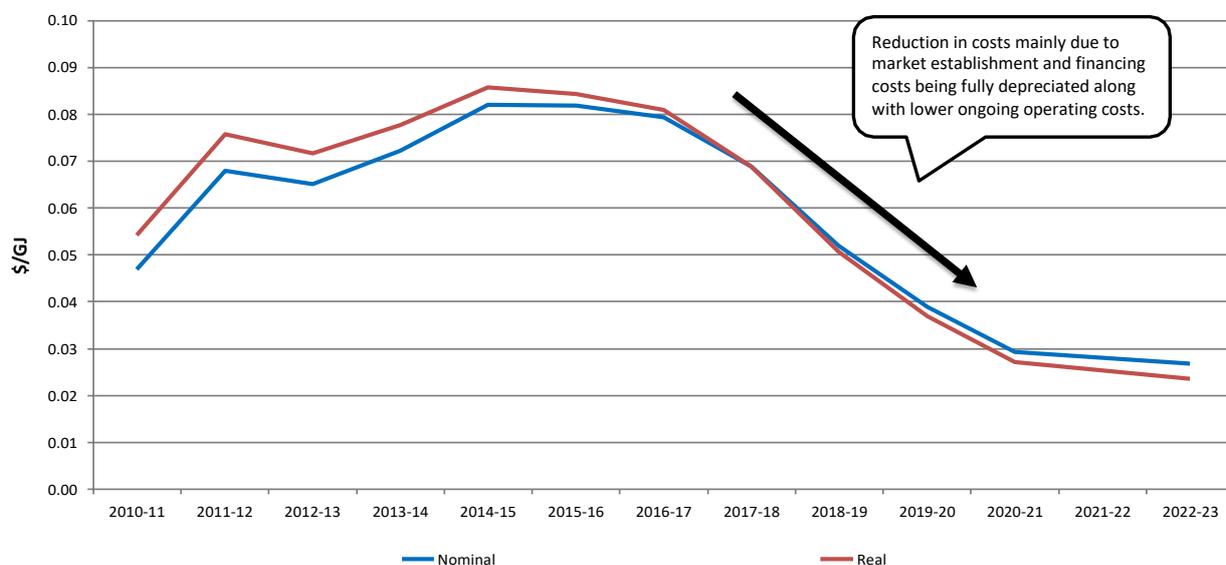
The current STTM fee is \$0.06884/GJ.

This fee will decrease to \$0.05192/GJ in 2018-19 (a 25% decrease from 2017-18 and a further 2 years) due to market establishment and financing costs being fully depreciated along with lower ongoing operational costs.

Table 12 — Projected STTM fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
Activity Fee (\$/GJ withdrawn)	0.06884 -13%	0.05192 -25%	0.03895 -25%	0.02928 -25%	0.02804 -4%	0.02686 -4%
PCF Fee - Syd (\$/GJ withdrawn per hub per ABN)	0	0	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
PCF Fee - Adel (\$/GJ withdrawn per hub per ABN)	0	0	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
PCF Fee - Bris (\$/GJ withdrawn per hub per ABN)	0	0	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

Figure 9 – Projected STTM fees trend in nominal and real terms



1.7.1 STTM energy consumption

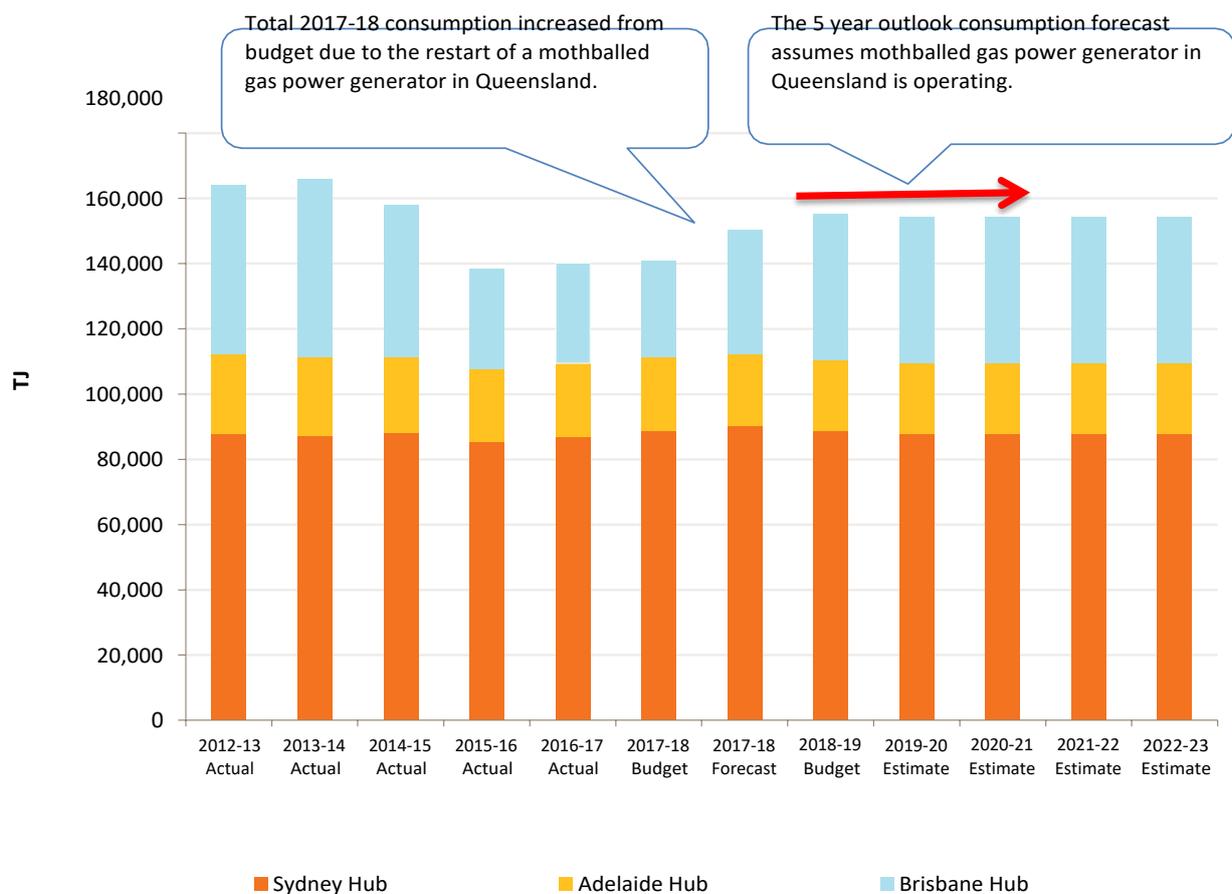
STTM energy consumption is forecast in 2017-18 to increase due to the restart of the mothballed Swanbank E GPG in Queensland (Brisbane hub). This trend is expected to continue into future years. Meanwhile the Adelaide and Sydney hub is forecast to decline slightly in 2018-19 due to lower industrial energy forecast.

Table 13 — STTM energy consumption

TJs	Budget 2017-18	Forecast ¹ 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
Adelaide	22,576	21,966	21,924	21,793	21,793	21,793	21,793
Brisbane	29,584	38,157	44,671	44,671	44,671	44,671	44,671
Sydney	88,842	90,318	88,640	87,899	87,812	87,832	87,832
TOTAL	141,002	150,442	155,234	154,362	154,275	154,296	154,296
		+6.7%	10.1%	-0.6%	-0.1%	+0.0%	+0.0%

¹ Forecast annual 2018-19 consumption as at April 2018.

Figure 10 – STTM energy consumption



1.8 FRC Gas Markets

Purpose of these functions

AEMO operates FRC gas markets in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia.

The purpose of the FRC gas markets are to provide the services and infrastructure to allow gas consumers to choose their retailer while also providing the business to business interactions to support efficient operation of the market.

The following broad services are provided:

- Support retail market functions and customer transfers
- Manage data for settlement purposes
- Implement market procedure changes
- Operate the central IT systems that facilitate retail market services.

1.8.1 Victorian FRC Gas

Fees

The current Victorian FRC Gas fee is \$0.08305 per customer supply point/month.

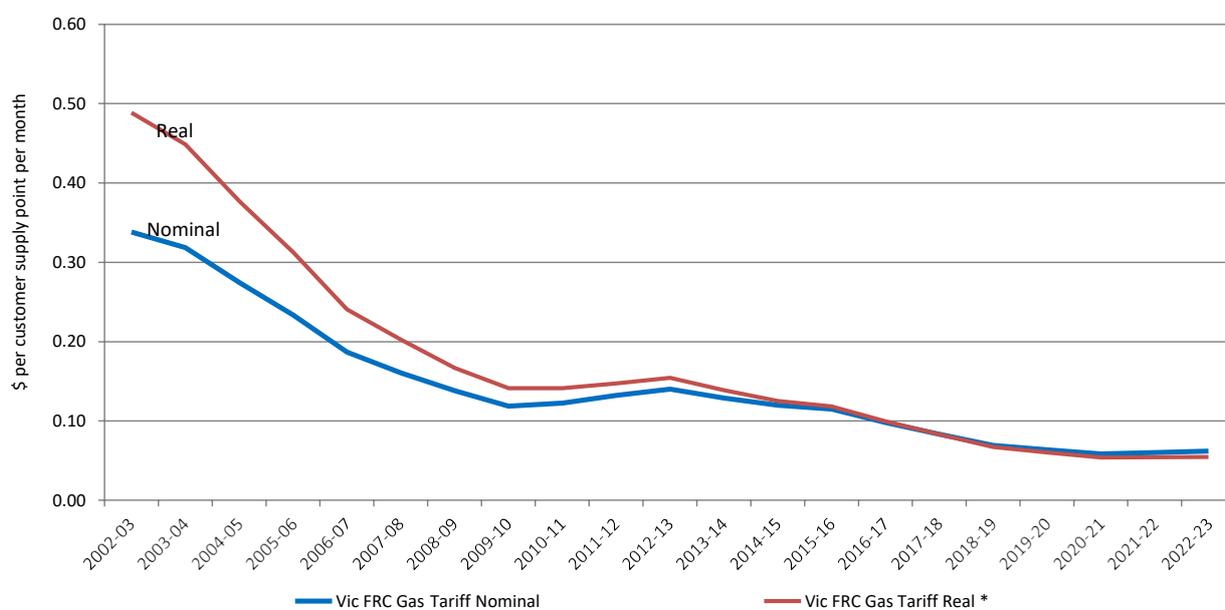
This fee will decrease to \$0.06893 (a 17% decrease) in 2018-19. The fee is then projected to decrease in the following two years before slightly increasing.

The operating costs are stable in this function.

Table 14 — Projected Victorian FRC gas fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
FRC Gas Tariff (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.08305 -15%	0.06893 -17%	0.06342 -8%	0.05835 -8%	0.06010 +3%	0.06190 +3%
Initial Registration Fee (\$ per participant)	5,760 +0%	5,760 +0%	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

Figure 11 – Projected Victorian FRC gas fees



Real values are the nominal amounts adjusted for inflation. Prices have been calculated relative to the 2017–18 price.

1.8.2 Queensland FRC Gas

Fees	<p>The current Queensland FRC Gas fee is \$0.22256 per customer supply point/month.</p> <p>This fee will remain the same in 2018-19 to a return prior year surplus. The fee is then expected to increase in the following years after the return of the surplus to reflect a conservative forecast of customer supply points coupled with CPI increase in operational costs.</p>
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Table 15 — Projected Queensland FRC gas fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
FRC Fee (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.22256 -15%	0.22256 +0%	0.24482 +10%	0.26930 +10%	0.29623 +10%	0.32585 +10%
Initial Registration Fee (\$ per participant)	5,760 +0%	5,760 +0%	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

1.8.3 South Australia FRC Gas

Fees	<p>The current South Australian FRC Gas fee is \$0.22615 per customer supply point/month.</p> <p>This fee will decrease to 0.21484 or by -5% in 2018-19. The fee is then expected to decrease in the following two years to fully return the surplus.</p> <p>The operating costs are stable in this function.</p>
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Table 16 — Projected South Australia FRC gas fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
FRC Fee (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.22615 -13%	0.21484 -5%	0.20410 -5%	0.19390 -5%	0.19390 +0%	0.19390 +0%
Initial Registration Fee (\$ per participant)	11,300 +0%	11,300 +0%	T BC	T BC	T BC	T BC

1.8.4 New South Wales (NSW) FRC Gas

Fees The current NSW FRC Gas fee is \$0.16918 per customer supply point/month.

This fee will decrease to 0.16410 or by -3% in 2018-19 and will continue to decrease in future years due to lower operating costs in this function.

Table 17 — Projected NSW FRC gas fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
FRC fee (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.16918 +1%	0.16410 -3%	0.15754 -4%	0.15124 -4%	0.14519 -4%	0.14519 +0%

1.8.5 Western Australia (WA) FRC Gas

Fees The fees for the 2018-19 will remain consistent with 2017-18 fee levels.

Table 18 — Projected WA FRC gas fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
Market Share Charges \$ per customer per month	0.13485	0.13485
Registration Fee Member	12,951	12,951
Associate Member	2,590	2,590
Annual Fee Member	19,905	19,905
Associate Member	3,881	3,881

1.9 Eastern and South Eastern Gas Statement of Opportunity (GSOO)

Purpose of this function The purpose of the GSOO is to report the supply adequacy of eastern and south-eastern Australian gas markets to meet energy needs. AEMO publishes reports on demand and supply, and delivery constraints projected for the next 20 years.

Retailers across the FRC gas market jurisdictions are currently charged for GSOO costs at a flat rate per customer supply point.

Fees The current GSOO fee is \$0.03518 per customer supply point/month.

This fee will increase to 0.03799 or by +8% in 2018-19 and in future years due to additional work on the National Gas Forecasting Report (NGFR) and uplift in long term forecasting capability and additional insight reports to stakeholders.

Table 19 — Projected GSOO fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22	Estimate 2022-23
Gas Statement of Opportunities (\$ per customer supply point per month)	0.03518 +10%	0.03799 +8%	0.04179 +10%	0.04597 +10%	0.04735 +3%	0.04877 +3%

1.10 Gas Supply Hub (GSH)

Purpose of this function AEMO implemented a Gas Supply Hub (GSH) at Wallumbilla in March 2014, at the request of the Government.

The GSH provides an exchange for the wholesale trading of natural gas to enable improved wholesale trading for an east coast gas market affected by significant liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports in Queensland. Through an electronic platform, GSH participants can trade standardised, short-term physical gas products at each of the three foundation pipelines connecting at Wallumbilla.

AEMO centrally settles transactions, manages prudential requirements and provides reports to assist participants in managing their portfolio and gas delivery obligations.

In June 2016 a trading location at Moomba was established.

In March 2017 the three trading locations at Wallumbilla were replaced with a single Wallumbilla location, through what is known as the Optional Hub Services (OHS) model.

Fees Fees are determined outside of AEMO's budget and fee setting process, and is set within the Gas Supply Hub exchange agreement with consultation with stakeholders when changes are made.

The GSH fee schedule is included in this report for information purposes.

Table 20 — Projected GSH fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
Trading participants	Fixed Fee - one licence per annum	12,000
	Fixed Fee - additional licence per annum	12,000
	Variable transaction fee	
	- Daily product fee (\$/GJ)	0.03
	- Weekly product fee (\$/GJ)	0.02
Reallocation participants	- Monthly product fee (\$/GJ)	0.01
	Fixed fee per annum	9,000
Viewing participants	Fixed fee per annum	3,600

1.11 Gas Bulletin Board (GBB)

Purpose of this function The Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) is a communications system that provides information relating to gas production, transmission, storage and usage for facilities that are connected to the east coast gas market.

GBB provides market participants timely data to assist in decision making. This includes capacity outlooks, nominations and forecasts, actual flows, linepack adequacy, additional information for maintenance planning.

Fees The current recovery costs for the GBB is \$1.4m.

This fee is proposed to increase to \$2.0m or by +40% in 2018-19 to reflect additional investment that will enhance the breadth and accuracy of information provided to the market.

Other notes	<p>A review of the structure of all gas fees has recently been completed. As a result, from 1 July 2018, GBB fees will be levied as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% to producers based on a flat rate (\$ per gigajoule) based on actual quantities of gas produced • 50% to participants in wholesale gas markets based on a flat rate (\$ per gigajoule) for gas withdrawn from the Victorian Declared Transmission System or the STTM hubs.
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Table 21 — Projected GBB fees

Fee	Budget 2018-19 (\$'000)
Producer (\$/GJ)	0.0005
Participants in Wholesale Gas Market (\$/GJ)	0.0025

Table 22 — Projected GBB costs to be recovered

Fee	Actual 2017-18 (\$'000)	Budget 2018-19 (\$'000)	Estimate 2019-20 (\$'000)	Estimate 2020-21 (\$'000)	Estimate 2021-22 (\$'000)	Estimate 2022-23 (\$'000)
Gas Bulletin Board	1,429	1,997	2,196	2,416	2,126	1,871
	-13%	+40%	+10%	+10%	-12%	-12%

1.12 Western Australian Gas Services Information (GSI)

Purpose of this function	<p>The GSI function includes the GBB (WA) and WA GSOO. The objectives of the GBB (WA) and WA GSOO is to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security, reliability and availability of the supply of natural gas in the state. • Efficient operation and use of natural gas services in the state. • Efficient investment in natural gas services in the state. • Facilitation of competition in the use of natural gas services in the state. <p>Similar to the GBB on the East Coast, the WA GBB is an information website hub to provide flow information on gas, transmission, storage, emergency management with supply disruptions, and demand in WA.</p> <p>The WA GSOO is an annual planning document providing medium to long term outlook of gas supply and demand in WA, transmission and storage capacity in the State.</p>
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Fees	<p>The current GSI recovery is \$1.527m.</p> <p>Total costs to be recovered in 2018-19 (\$1.520m) are similar to the 2017-18 level.</p>
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Table 23 — Projected GSI fees

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	Estimate 2020-21
GSI fee (\$'000)	1,527	1,520 0%	TBC	TBC

1.13 Other Budgeted Revenue Requirements

AEMO also collects revenue to recover the costs of the following functions:

Table 24 — Other Revenue Requirements

Other revenue requirement	Actual 2017-18 (\$'000)	Budget 2018-19 (\$'000)
South Australia Planning	1,000	1,000
Settlement Residue Auctions	295	295

1.14 Energy Consumers Australia (ECA)

Purpose of this function	To promote long term interests of the energy customers, in particularly for residential customers and small business customers.
Fees	<p>AEMO is required to recover the funding for the ECA from market participants (i.e. pass through recovery). Total expenditure budgeted by the ECA to be recovered in 2018-19 is \$7.3m (+8% increase) (2017-18: \$6.8m).</p> <p>The electricity ECA fee is \$0.00985 per connection point per week in 2018-19 (1% increase).</p> <p>The gas ECA fee is \$0.03547 per customer supply point per month in 2018-19 (11% increase). The increase in the fee is mainly due to the increase in the ECA budgeted expenditure and an under recovery in the current year.</p>
Other notes	<p>In November 2017 the Council of Australian Governments approved the ECA 2018-19 annual budget.</p> <p>For any questions on the ECA budget in 2018-19, contact Mohua Mukherjee, Director Governance and Operations at mohua.mukherjee@energyconsumersaustralia.com.au.</p>

Table 25 — ECA Requirements

AEMO's ECA Fees	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
Electricity (\$ / connection point for small customers per week)	0.00979 +3%	0.00985 +1%
Gas (\$ / customer supply point per month)	0.03199 +1%	0.03547 +11%

1.15 Economic Regulator Authority (ERA)

Purpose of this function	To ensure that WA has a fair, competitive and efficient environment for consumers and businesses.
Fees	<p>AEMO is required to recover the funding for the ERA from market customers and generators (i.e. pass through recovery). Total expenditure budgeted by the ERA to be recovered in 2018-19 is \$4.96m (+3% increase) (2017-18: \$4.80m).</p> <p>The WEM ERA fee is \$0.137 per MWh in 2018-19 (11% increase).</p>
Other notes	For any questions on the ERA budget in 2018-19, contact Pam Herbener, Director, Corporate Services at pam.herbener@erawa.com.au

Table 26 — ERA Requirements

ERA Revenue Requirement	Actual 2017-18 (\$'000)	Budget 2018-19 (\$'000)
ERA - Regulator Fee	4,200	3,948
ERA - Rule Change Panel	602	1,008
ERA - GSI	207	70

Table 27 — ERA Fee

Fee	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
WEM ERA fee (\$/MW·h)	0.127	0.137 +11%

2. AEMO FINANCIALS

2.1 Consolidated Profit and Loss 2018-19

Table 28 — Consolidated Profit and Loss 2018-19

	AEMO (excl. Vic TNSP)			Victorian TNSP			AEMO			Note
	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Budget 2018-19 \$'000	Variance to Budget \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Budget 2018-19 \$'000	Variance to Budget \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Budget 2018-19 \$'000	Variance to Budget \$'000	
REVENUE										
Fees and Tariffs	167,666	172,645	4,980	-	-	-	167,666	172,645	4,980	
TUoS Income	-	-	-	474,580	462,312	(12,267)	474,580	462,312	(12,267)	A
PCF Fees	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Settlement Residue	-	-	-	38,289	56,771	18,482	38,289	56,771	18,482	B
Other Revenue	6,205	5,656	(549)	35,868	42,713	6,845	42,073	48,368	6,295	C
TOTAL REVENUE	174,871	179,301	4,430	548,736	561,796	13,060	723,607	741,097	17,490	
NETWORK CHARGES	-	-	-	548,652	583,324	34,672	548,652	583,324	34,672	
NET REVENUE	174,871	179,301	4,430	84	(21,528)	(21,612)	174,955	157,773	(17,182)	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
Total Labour and Contractors	106,842	117,118	10,276	4,797	4,987	190	111,639	122,106	10,466	D
Consulting	15,340	18,707	3,367	1,351	1,141	(210)	16,691	19,848	3,157	E
Fees-Agency, Licence and Audit	2,328	2,357	30	-	-	-	2,328	2,357	30	
Information Technology and Telecommunication	22,317	24,672	2,355	0	0	(0)	22,317	24,672	2,355	F
Occupancy	6,825	7,531	706	-	-	-	6,825	7,531	706	
Training & Recruitment	2,956	3,194	238	18	56	38	2,974	3,250	276	
Travel & Accommodation	2,390	3,298	908	21	33	12	2,411	3,331	920	
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities	7,061	7,428	367	2	3	1	7,063	7,431	369	
Depreciation and Amortisation	16,212	22,709	6,496	7	9	2	16,219	22,718	6,498	G
Financing Costs	644	609	(35)	0	0	0	645	609	(35)	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE (excluding incremental RIT-T and new connection recoverable costs)	182,916	207,624	24,708	6,195	6,228	34	189,111	213,853	24,742	
Incremental RIT-T and new connections costs	-	-	-	-	7,986	7,986	-	7,986	7,986	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	182,916	207,624	24,708	6,195	14,214	8,020	189,111	221,839	32,728	
ANNUAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(8,045)	(28,323)	(20,278)	(6,111)	(35,742)	(29,632)	(14,156)	(64,066)	(49,910)	
Transfer to Reserves / Recoveries	3,011	4,819	1,808	(4,379)	(6,188)	(1,808)	(1,369)	(1,369)	(0)	
Brought Forward Surplus	7,175	6,143	(1,031)	10,806	42,145	31,339	17,981	48,288	30,307	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,141	(17,361)	(19,501)	316	215	(102)	2,456	(17,147)	(19,603)	H

* The Budget 2017-18 column reflects the published annual budget plus a revision to budgeted costs that occurred midway through the financial year. There was no change to the published 2017-18 market fees.

Notes to the consolidated profit and loss 2018-19

Revenue

- A** TUOS income is reduced in order to return a surplus in the Victorian TNSP function.
- B** Significant increase in settlement residue to reflect high spot prices, noting that the actual settlement residue revenue to be received in 2017-18 is expected to be approximately \$57m.
- C** Other revenue increases mainly due to an increase in connection revenue in the Victorian TNSP function.

Expenditure

- D** Labour increase includes a provision for temporary increases in resources along with a provision for ongoing resources to manage the increasing complexity of our work.
- E** Consulting costs are \$20m in 2018-19. Consulting costs provisioned in 2018-19 include specialist advice and support relating to modernising our markets and managing the complexities of the grid.
- F** IT and Telecommunication costs are \$2m higher in 2018-19. This includes operational costs of the Shared Market Protocol, cloud related costs for enhancements to our forecasting and planning systems and additional licences to cater for additional organisational headcount in 2018-19 including Microsoft, Oracle and SQL and Service Now platforms.
- G** Depreciation and Amortisation costs are \$6m higher than 2017-18 mainly due to the full year depreciation of the electricity forecasting insights project and the Power of Choice program along with the increased project program planned for 2018-19.

Accumulated Deficit

- H** The accumulated deficit at 2018-19 is \$17m mainly due to a structural deficit as a result of operational costs increases in the NEM in 2017-18 and forward years, to be recovered over a 5 year period to smooth fees for participants.

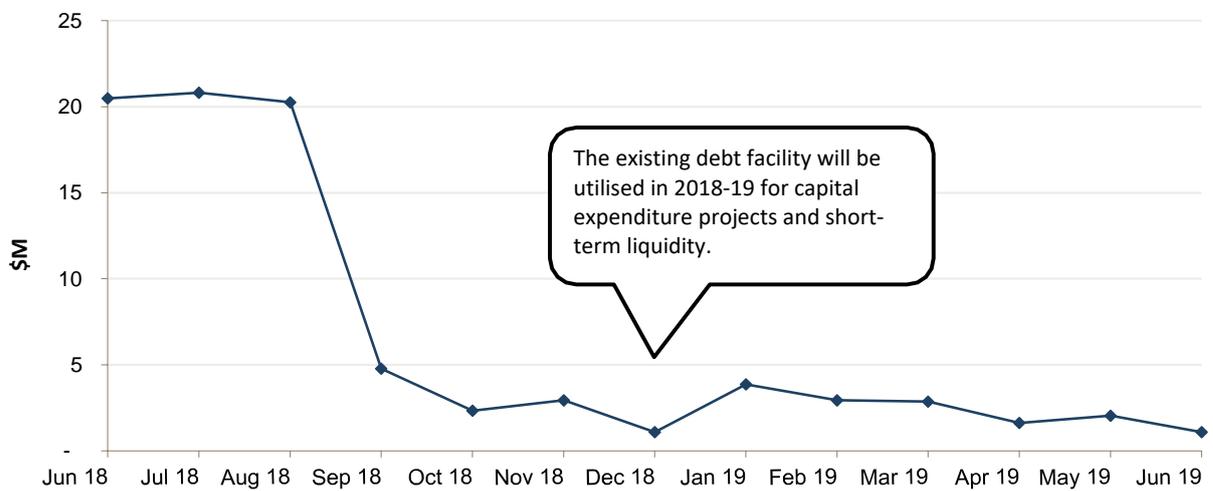
2.2 Balance Sheet 2018-19

	Forecast 2017-18 \$'000	Budget 2018-19 \$'000	Variance \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Short Term Deposits	26,732	8,484	(18,248)
Receivables	79,795	81,854	2,060
Other Current Assets	4,889	5,034	145
Total Current Assets	111,415	95,372	(16,043)
Non - Current Assets			
Intangible Assets - Software	46,369	82,867	36,498
Property, Plant and Equipment	36,401	39,486	3,085
Trade and Other Receivable	1,337	1,247	
Total Non Current Assets	84,107	123,600	39,492
TOTAL ASSETS	195,523	218,972	23,449
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	70,659	69,894	(765)
Borrowings	1,822	700	(1,122)
Provisions	23,254	23,311	57
Other Current Liabilities	4,891	3,526	(1,365)
Total Current Liabilities	100,626	97,432	(3,195)
Non - Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	11,200	103,325	92,125
Provisions	1,462	1,462	-
Lease Liability	8,742	7,327	(1,415)
Total Non Current Liabilities	21,404	112,114	90,710
TOTAL LIABILITIES	122,030	209,545	87,515
NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	73,493	9,427	(64,066)
EQUITY			
Capital contribution	7,093	7,093	-
Participant compensation fund reserve	6,378	7,489	1,111
Land reserve	2,719	2,946	227
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	57,303	(8,100)	(65,404)
TOTAL EQUITY	73,493	9,427	(64,066)

2.3 Cash Flow Statement 2018-19

	Budget 2018-19 (\$'000)
Cash at the beginning of the period (including PCF) at 1 July 2018	26,732
Receipts from customers	812,839
Payments to suppliers and employees	(859,790)
Net cashflows from operating activities	(46,951)
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(62,300)
Net cashflows from investing activities	(62,300)
Proceeds from borrowings	95,000
Repayment of borrowings	(3,997)
Net cashflows from financing activities	91,003
Cash at the End of Period (including PCF) at 30 June 2019	8,484
Cash at the end of the financial year	8,484
Less: PCF Funds	(7,390)
Cash at the End of Period (excluding PCF) at 30 June 2019	1,094

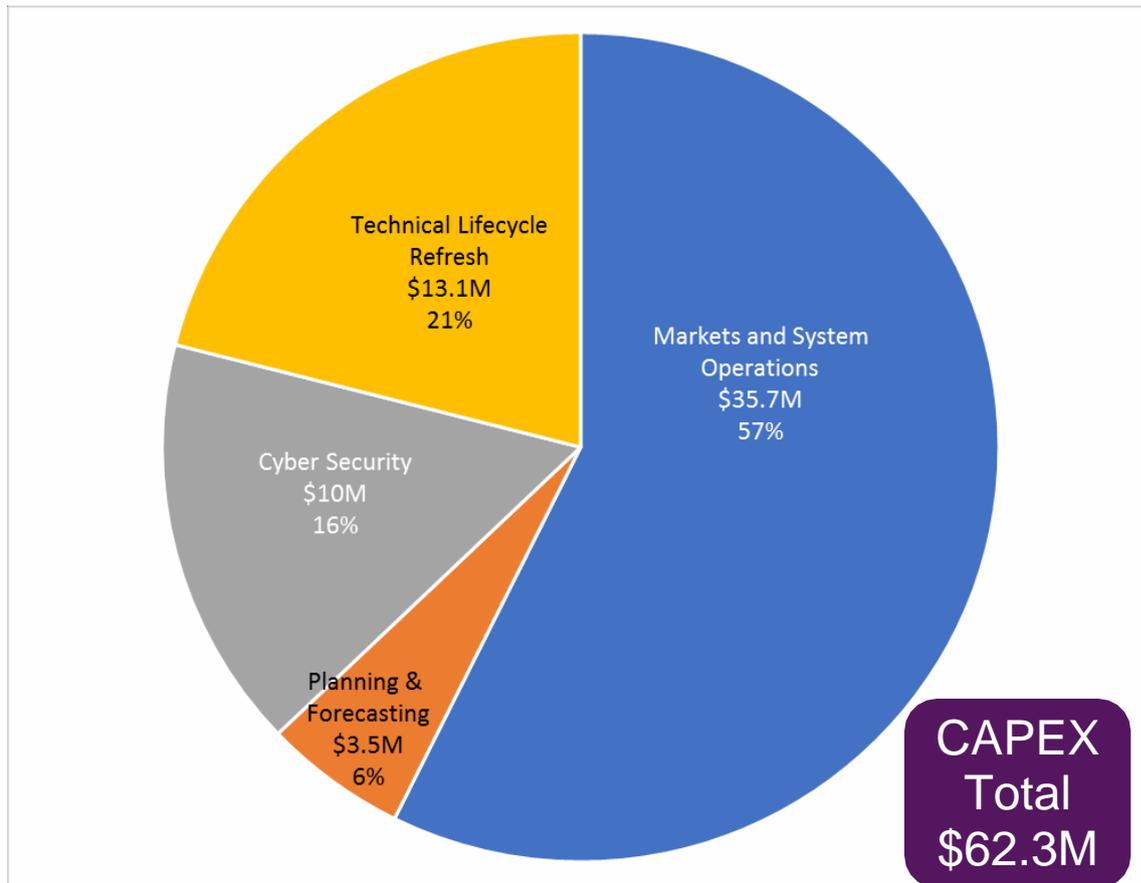
Figure 12 – Expected closing cash balance (excluding PCF) for 2018-19



3. AEMO CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

The project budget estimate for 2018-19 is \$62.3m.

By category the following capital initiatives are planned in 2018-19.



The key AEMO projects included in the estimates are:

- Cyber Security Program (\$10m)
- NEM 5-Minute Settlement (\$6.9m)
- South West Interconnected System (SWIS) Network and Market Reform (\$5.1m)
- (Western Power) System Management System Transition (\$5.1m)
- WEM Reduction in Prudential Exposure in the Reserve Capacity Mechanism (\$3.5m)
- WA Power System Operations (\$2.8m)
- Gas Market Reform - Pipeline Capacity Trading (\$2.4m)
- Gas Bulletin Board Rule Changes (\$1m)
- Distributed Energy Register (\$1.1m)

Major Technical Lifecycle Projects (e.g. Energy Market Platform Upgrade; STTM Database system replacement; EMMS database modernisation (\$4.8M))

4. APPENDIX A. FEE SCHEDULES

4.1 Fee schedule of Electricity Functions

Function	Budget 2018-19 \$'000	Rate	Paying Participants
NEM			
General Fees (unallocated)	23,746	\$0.13292/ MW·h of customer load	Market Customers
Allocated Fees			
Market Customers	29,920	\$0.16748/ MW·h of customer load	Market Customers
Generators ¹ and Market Network Service Providers	25,488	Daily rate calculated on 2017 capacity/ energy	Generators and Market Network Service Providers
NEM Revenue Requirement	79,154		
Participant Compensation Fund	1,000	Daily rate calculated on capacity/ energy basis	Scheduled Generators, Semi-Scheduled Generators and Scheduled Network Service Providers
Registration fees	1,900		Intending Participants
Other	1,308		Dependent on service provided
TOTAL NEM	83,362		
FRC ELECTRICITY			
FRC Operations	12,973	\$0.07700/ MWh of customer load in jurisdictions with FRC	Market Customers with a Retail Licence
Other	2		Dependent on service provided
TOTAL FRC ELECTRICITY	12,974		
National Transmission Planner	4,178	\$0.02339/ MW·h of customer load	Market Customers
Electricity Consumer Advocacy Panel	5,104	\$0.00985/ connection point for small customers/ week	Market Customers
Additional Participant ID		\$5,000 per additional participant ID	Existing Participants
WA WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET			
WEM Market Operator fee	12,695	\$0.350/ MW·h	Market Customers and Generators
WEM System Management fee	17,563	\$0.484/ MW·h	Market Customers and Generators
WA WEM Revenue Requirement	30,258		

¹ Excluding non-market non-scheduled generators

Fee schedule of new NEM registrations

Application Type	2018-19 \$
Registration as Scheduled Market Generator ¹	20,000
Registration as Semi-Scheduled Market Generators	20,000
Registration as Scheduled Non-Market Generator	10,000
Registration as Semi-Scheduled Non-Market Generators	10,000
Registration as Non-Scheduled Market Generator	10,000
Registration as Market Customer	10,000
Registration as Market Small Generation Aggregator	10,000
Transfer of Registration	10,000
Registration as Metering Co-ordinator (MC) ²	10,000
Registration as Market Ancillary Service Provider	10,000
Registration as Non-Scheduled Non-Market Generator	5,000
Registration as Network Service Provider	5,000
Registration as Trader	5,000
Registration as Reallocator	5,000
Classification of generating units for frequency control ancillary services purposes	5,000
Classification of load for frequency control ancillary services purposes - new ancillary service load or aggregated ancillary service load	5,000
Change to constituent devices that form an aggregated ancillary service load	500
Registration as Intending Participants	2,000
Exemption from registration	2,000

¹ Each category of *Generator* in this table includes applications made by persons intending to act as intermediaries.

² The registration fee will not apply to Network Operators that become the Initial Metering Coordinator from 1 December 2017 and Metering Coordinator for Type 7 meters (unmetered load).

Fee schedule of new WA WEM registrations

Application Type	2018-19 \$
Rule Participant Registration Application Fee	680
Facility Registration Application Fee	340
Facility Transfer Application Fee	390
Conditional Certification of Reserve Capacity	680
Resubmission - Application for Early Certified Reserved Capacity	6,215

Fee schedule of new Power of Choice accreditations

Application Type	2018-19 \$
Embedded Network Manager	2,000
Metering Data Providers	5,000
Metering Providers	5,000
Incremental charge rate per hour	150

4.2 Fee schedule of Gas Functions

Vic Declared Wholesale Gas Market		
Energy Tariff	0.08459	\$/GJ withdrawn
Distribution Meter	1.48580	\$/day per meter
PCF	Nil	\$/GJ withdrawn
VIC Gas FRC	0.06893	\$ per customer supply point/ mth
QLD Gas FRC	0.22256	\$ per customer supply point/ mth
SA Gas FRC	0.21484	\$ per customer supply point/ mth
NSW/ ACT Gas FRC	0.16410	\$ per customer supply point/ mth
WA Gas FRC	0.13485	\$ per customer supply point/ mth
Annual fee - members	19,905	per annum
Annual fee - associate members	3,881	per annum
STTM		
Activity Fee	0.05192	\$/GJ withdrawn
PCF Fee - Syd	Nil	\$/GJ withdrawn per hub per ABN
PCF Fee - Adel	Nil	\$/GJ withdrawn per hub per ABN
PCF Fee - Bris	Nil	\$/GJ withdrawn per hub per ABN
Energy Consumers Australia	0.03547	\$ per customer supply point/ month
Gas Statement of Opportunities	0.37990	\$ per customer supply point/ month
Gas Bulletin Board	1,997	\$'000
Additional Participant ID	5,000	\$ per additional participant ID
WA Gas Services Information	1,520	\$'000

Fee schedule of new Gas Registrations

Market	Rate 2018-19	Basis
Victoria FRC Gas	5,760	\$ per participant
QLD FRC Gas	5,760	\$ per participant
SA FRC Gas	11,300	\$ per participant
NSW FRC Gas	N/A	N/A
WA FRC Gas	12,951	\$ per member
WA FRC Gas	2,590	\$ per associate member
Victoria Wholesale Gas	N/A	N/A
STTM	N/A	N/A

5. List of symbols and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
B2B	Business-to-Business
DWGM	Declared Wholesale Gas Market
ERA	Economic Regulation Authority
FRC	Full Retail Contestability
GBB	Gas Bulletin Board
GJ	Gigajoule
GSOO	Gas Statement of Opportunities
ESOO	Electricity Statement of Opportunities
IMO	Independent Market Operator
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
MOS	Market Operator Service
MW·h	Megawatt hour
NA	Not Applicable
NEM	National Electricity Market
NGERAC	National Gas Emergency Response Advisory Committee
NGR	National Gas Rules
NSM	National Smart Metering
NTP	National Transmission Planner
PCF	Participant Compensation Fund
SRA	Settlement Residue Auction
STTM	Short Term Trading Market
TNSP	Transmission Network Service Provider
TUOS	Transmission Use of System
WEM	Wholesale Electricity Market
GSI	Gas Services Information