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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator Urquhart: So 1.4. Okay. I have a few questions on that, so I will move them to 1.4. The next one I have is on coal seam gas, the regulatory assessment matters and the water trigger. I know it is linked to 4.1, but I think it fits here. Can you update us on how many approvals under the water trigger are currently in train?

Mr Knudson: We do not have the statistics on the current number of projects. I assume what you are asking is: which projects that had the water trigger applied have been approved, and which projects that have had the water trigger applied are currently under assessment? We can get that for you in answer to a question on notice.

Answer:

As of 15 June 2015, 70 proposals have had the water trigger applied. The status of these proposals is detailed in the table below.

Status	Total
Approved	20
Not Controlled Action – Particular Manner	1
Under Assessment	44
Withdrawn	5
Grand Total	70