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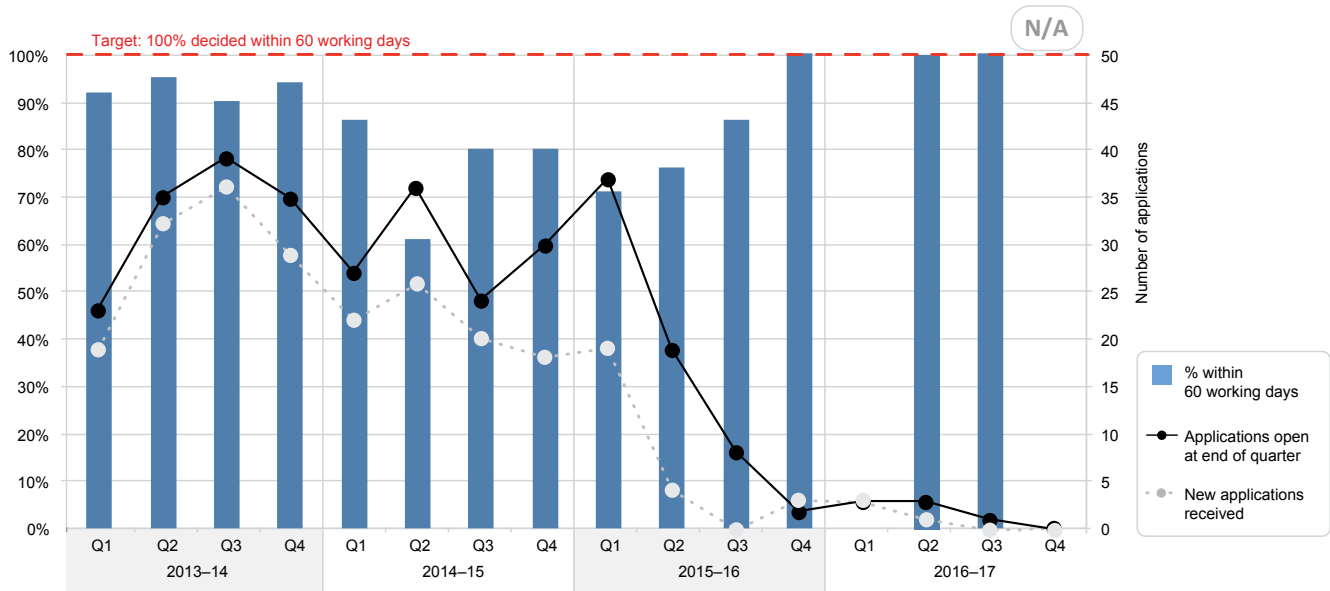
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Licensing and approvals

The former Department of Environment Regulation (now the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation) had responsibility under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) for the licencing and registration of prescribed premises and the issuing of works approvals.

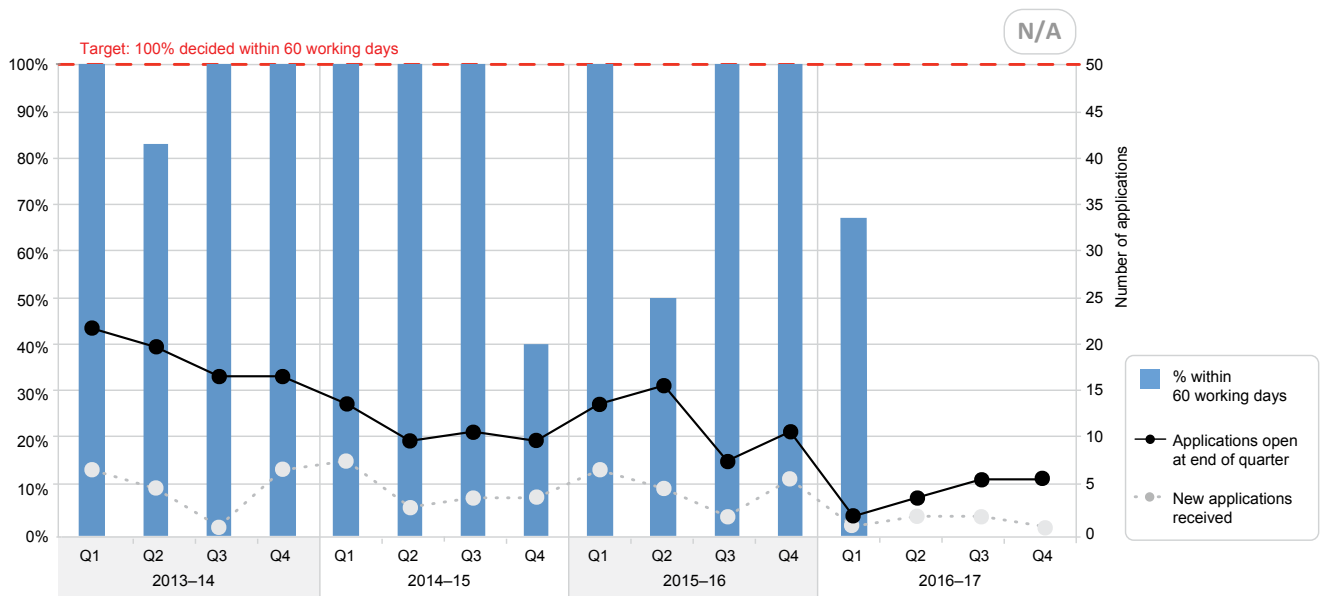
Major resource projects – works approval applications



In Quarter 4, 2016-17 (the quarter):

- No new applications were received and no decisions were made by the end the quarter. The one open application at the end of Quarter 3 was reclassified to an ‘Other project – works approval application’.

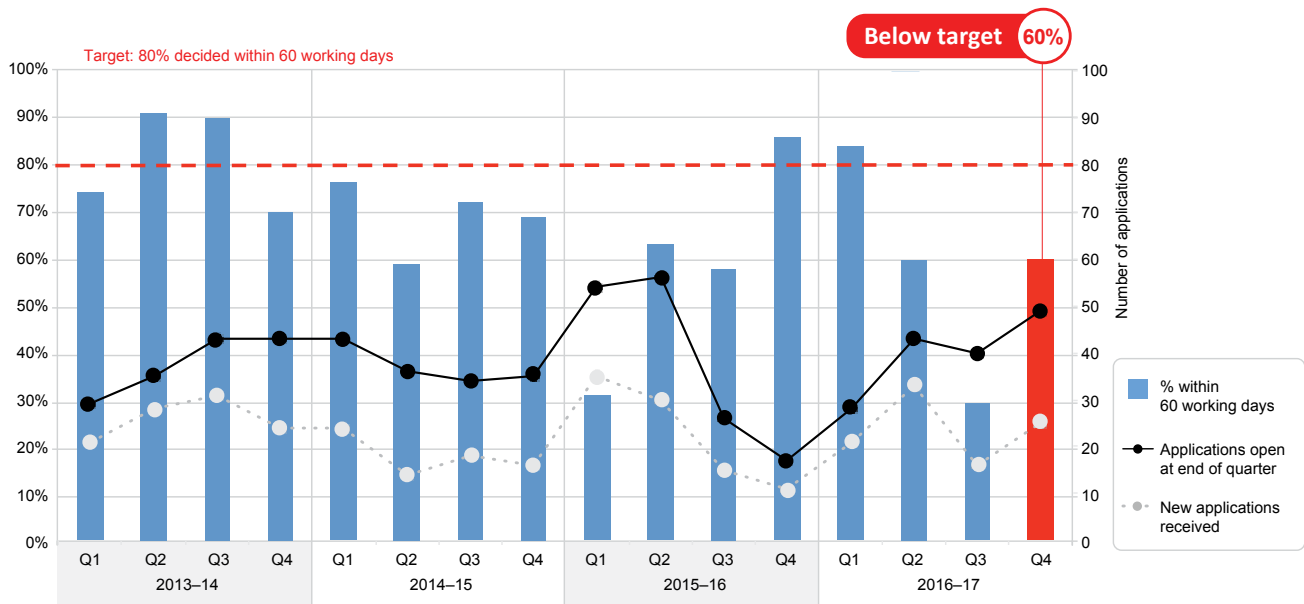
Major resource projects – licence applications



In the quarter:

- DER did not decide any major resource projects licence applications.
- One new application was received and six applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.

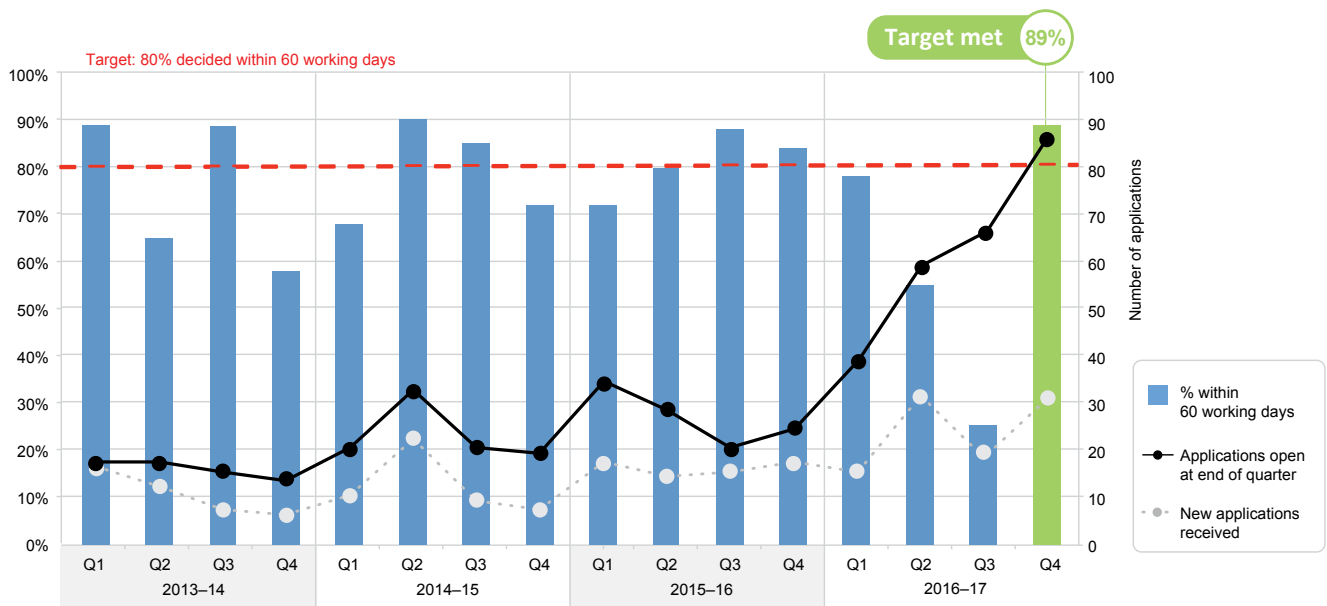
Other projects – works approval applications



In the quarter:

- DER decided 60 per cent (of 15 in total) of other project works approvals applications within 60 working days.
- 25 new applications were received and 49 applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 64 working days.

Other projects – licence applications

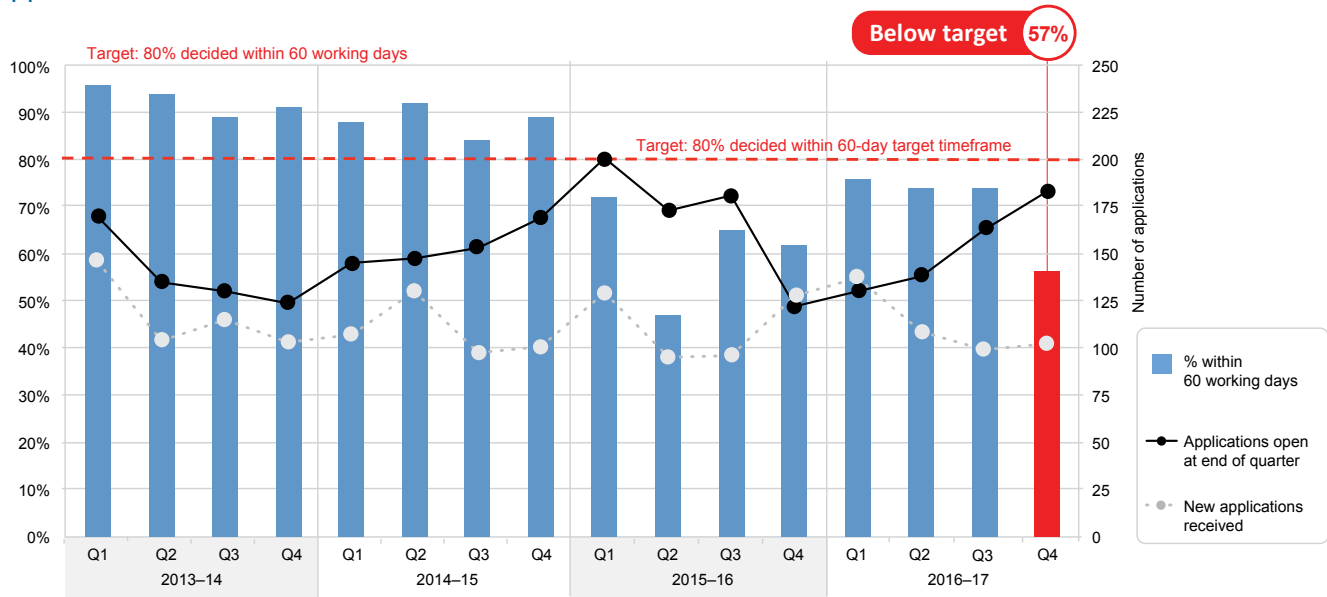


In the quarter:

- DER decided 89 per cent (of 9 in total) of other project licences applications within 60 working days.
- 31 new applications were received and 86 applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 36 working days.

Native vegetation clearing permit applications

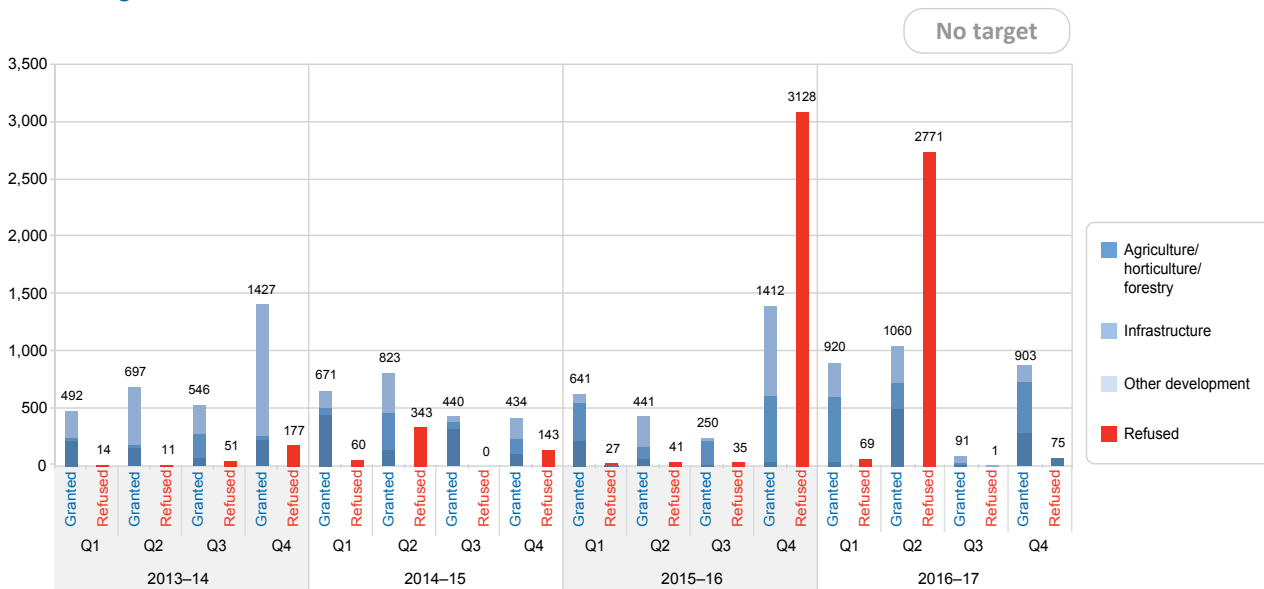
Applications decided



In the quarter:

- 57 per cent (of 90 in total) of native vegetation clearing permit applications were decided within 60 working days.
- 116 new applications were received and 187 applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 63 working days.

Hectares granted or refused



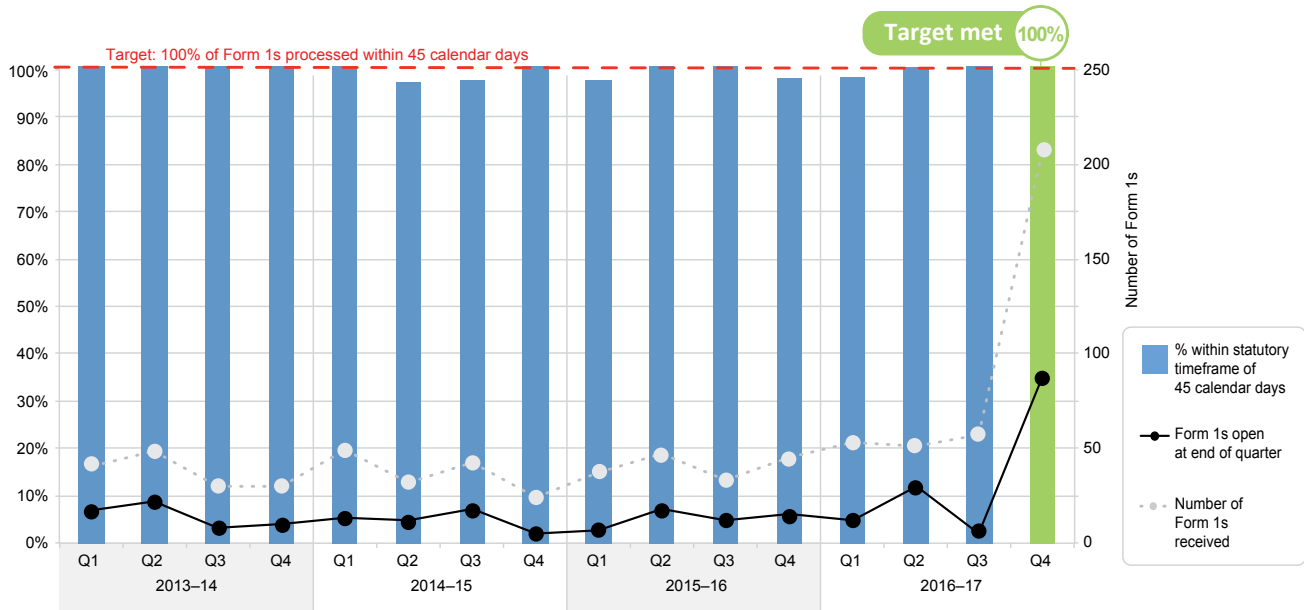
In the quarter:

- 75 hectares were refused (two applications) and 903 hectares were granted (71 applications).

Contaminated sites

Under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*, known or suspected contaminated sites must be reported to the Department, investigated and, if necessary, cleaned up (remediated).

To report a known or suspected contaminated site, a Form 1 must be completed, signed and submitted to the Department.

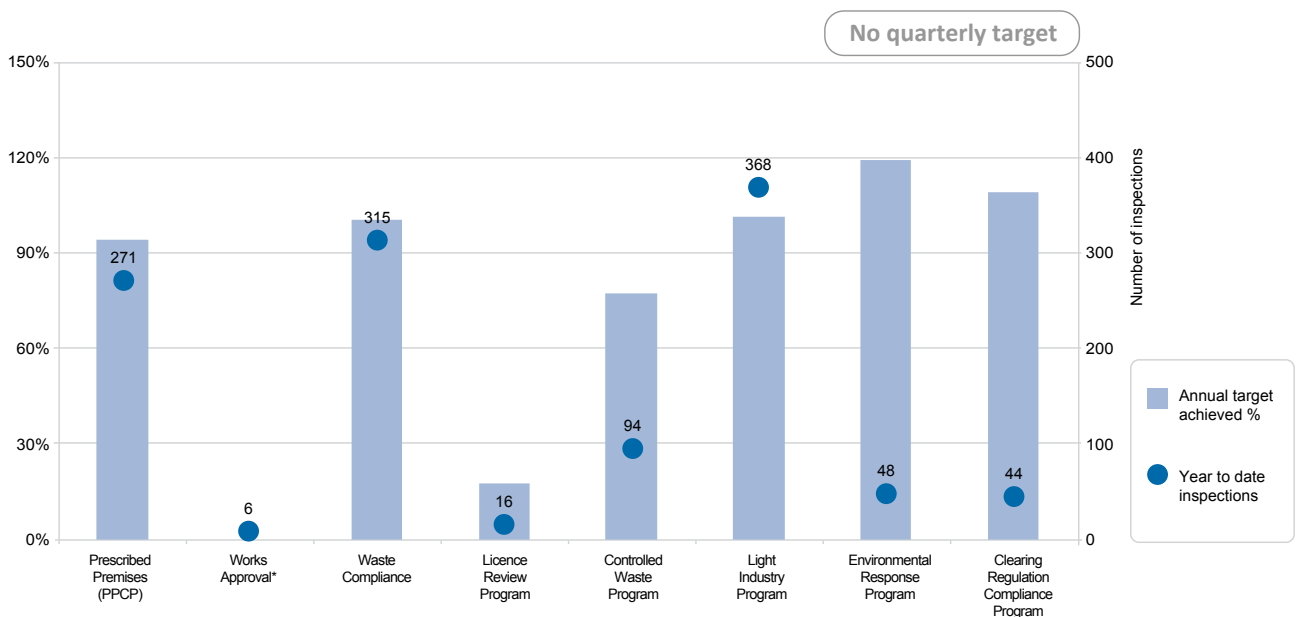


In the quarter:

- 100 per cent (of 125 in total) of Form 1s were processed within the 45 calendar day target.
- 207 new Form 1s were received and 88 were not decided by the end of the quarter.

Compliance and enforcement

Environmental Regulation Compliance Program 2016-17



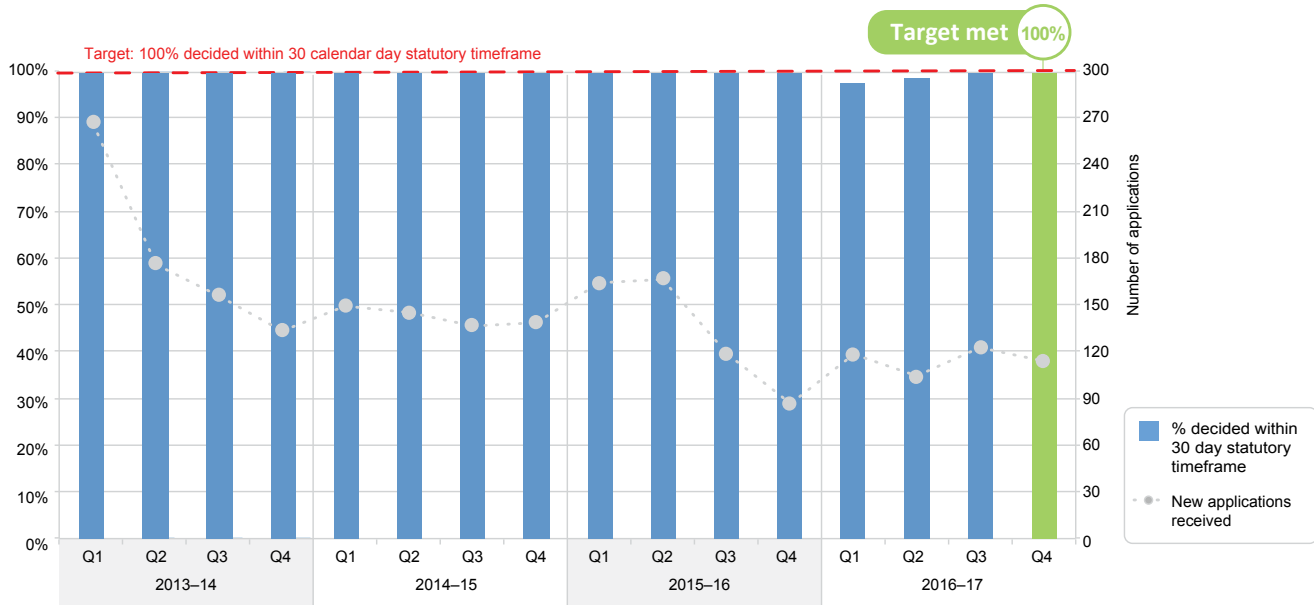
In the quarter:

- The Annual Compliance Program 2016-17 achieved 90 per cent of its annual target (1,245) by the end of Quarter 4.

* This program was delivered on an 'as needed' basis. As such, it had no targets attached.

Controlled waste licences

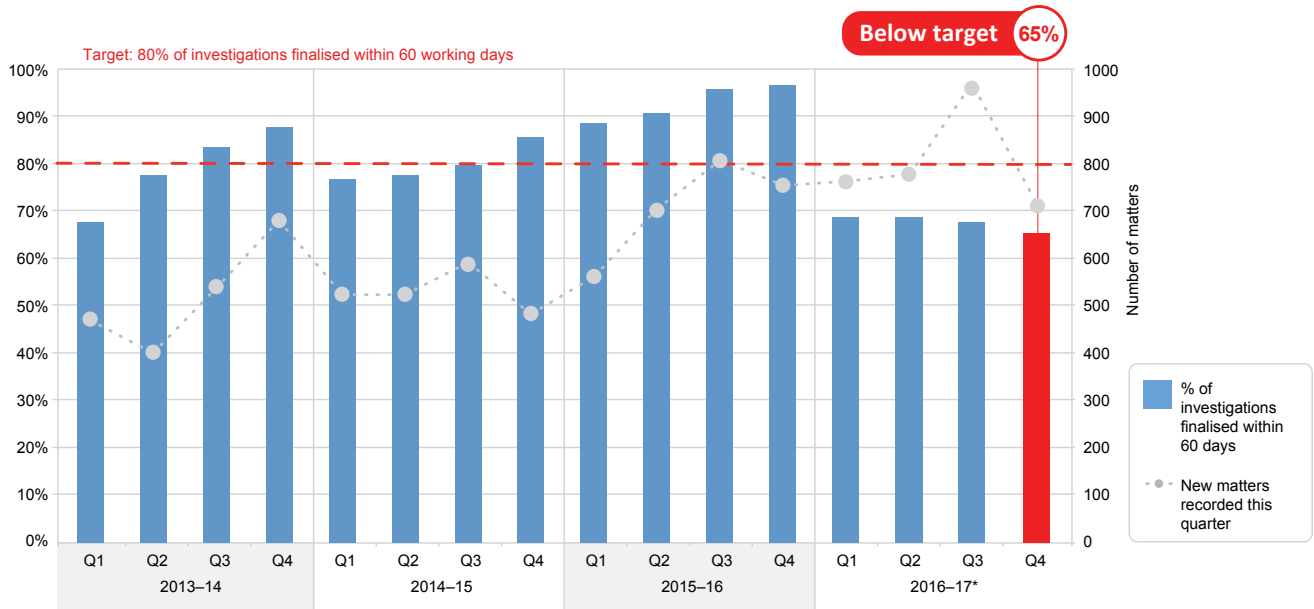
The Department administered the EP (controlled waste) Regulations 2004, which provide for the licensing of carriers, drivers and vehicles involved in transporting waste on roads in Western Australia.



In the quarter:

- 113 new controlled waste licence applications were received, with 100 per cent assessed within the 30 calendar day statutory target.

Enforcement activity



In the quarter:

- 65 per cent of investigations** (of 1,024 in total) were finalised within 60 working days.
- There were 707 new matters recorded and 325 matters ongoing at the end of the quarter.
- The average time taken to finalise matters was 17 calendar days.

* Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 16-17: These figures have been updated using a revised methodology to more accurately capture matters being investigated by the Department.

** Matters investigated can include but are not limited to complaints/incidents relating to emissions and discharges; controlled waste transportation; clearing of native vegetation; illegal dumping; and issues identified by departmental officers through the course of their duties.

Appendix 1 – additional data

Licensing and works approvals

Major resource projects

Works approvals applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	2	3	5*	0**
No. of applications received	3	1	0	0
No. of applications granted	2	1	3	0
No. of applications refused	0	0	0	0
No. of applications withdrawn	0	0	2	0
No. of applications declined to deal	0	0	0	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	3	3*	1	0
Average time for decision (working days)	64	58	44	0
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working day timeframe (target = 100% of applications decided)	N/A	100%	100%	N/A
Licence applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	4*	2	5*	5
No. of applications received	1	2	2	1
No. of applications granted	3	0	0	0
No. of applications refused	0	0	0	0
No. of applications withdrawn	0	0	2	0
No. of applications declined to deal	0	0	0	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	2	4*	5	6
Average time for decision (working days)	58	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working day timeframe (target = 100% of applications decided)	67%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other projects

Works approvals applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	18	30*	41*	41*
No. of applications received	21	33	16	25
No. of applications granted	7	15	10	15
No. of applications refused	0	0	1	0
No. of applications withdrawn	3	2	3	2
No. of applications declined to deal	1	1	2	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	28*	43*	40	49
Average time for decision (working days)	50	79	64	64
Percentage of applications that were finalised within 60 working day timeframe (target = 80% of applications finalised)	86%	60%	30%	60%
Licence applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	33*	38	58	66
No. of applications received	15	31	18	31
No. of applications granted	9	11	8	9
No. of applications refused	0	0	0	0
No. of applications withdrawn	1	0	3	2
No. of applications declined to deal	0	0	0	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	38	58	66***	86
Average time for decision (working days)	48	74	113	36
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working day timeframe (target = 80% of applications decided)	78%	55%	25%	89%

*Variation in carried over applications due to data cleansing.

** 1 Application open at end of Q3 reclassified from Major to Other.

***Add 1 application received in Q3 and entered in system Q4

Licence and works approval – applications for amendment

The following revised target timeframes now apply for applications for amendment:

- major amendments – those which may adversely affect the risk of the premises: 80% of applications finalised within 60 working days; and
- minor amendments – those which do not adversely affect the risks of the premises: 80% of applications finalised within 40 working days.

The previous financial year's data on amendments are available in previous [Quarterly Performance Reports](#).

Major amendments (60 working days)

Works approval amendment applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	1	2	4	3
No. of applications received	2	0	2	6
No. of applications determined	1	0	4	1
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	2	2	3#	8
Average time for decision (working days)	120	N/A	30	16
Percentage of applications that were finalised within timeframe of 60 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	0%	N/A	100%	100%
Licence amendment applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	34	33	122	106**
No. of applications received	30	14*	63	49
No. of applications determined	21	21*	55	41
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	43*	26*	114###	111
Average time for decision (working days)	81	86*	57	53
Percentage of applications that were finalised within timeframe of 60 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	52%	33%*	69%	68%

Minor amendments (40 working days)

Works approval amendment applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	16*	3*	2	5***
No. of applications received	13	16*	9	6
No. of applications determined	18	9*	8	9
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	11*	10*	6###	2
Average time for decision (working days)	33	26*	37	28
Percentage of applications that were finalised within timeframe of 40 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	89%	89%*	63%	78%
Licence amendment applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	91	93*	22*	12****
No. of applications received	68	93	9	9
No. of applications determined	71	51	28	11
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	88*	135*	3	10
Average time for decision (working days)	69	116	51	63
Percentage of applications that were finalised within timeframe of 40 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	43%	35%	50%	64%

* Variation in carried over applications due to data cleansing

add 1 application received Q3 and entered in system in Q4

less 12 applications included in Q3 from system error, add 5 received in Q3 but entered in Q4

** less 9 reclassified to other, add 1 reclassified to major

*** less 1 expired

add 3 applications received in Q3 but entered in system in Q4

**** add 9 reclassified to other, less 1 reclassified to major, less 1 reclassified to a transfer

Native vegetation clearing permit applications

Applications	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	122	130	138	161
No. of applications received	137	109	99	116
No. of decisions on applications	129	101	72	90
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	130	138	163*	187
Average time for decision (calendar days minus time in 'stop-the-clock')	46	53	48	63
No. of decisions that were subject to 'stop-the-clock'	42	35	25	33
Average time in 'stop-the-clock' for decisions in calendar days	31	26	18	59
Percentage of applications that were decided within timeframe of 60 working days (target = 80% of applications decided)	76%	74%	74%	57%

Number of hectares granted (G) or refused (R)

Purpose		2016–17							
		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
		G	R	G	R	G	R	G	R
Agriculture/horticulture/forestry	Hectares	49	40	515	2,762	11	0	291	75
	Applications	6	1	11	8	3	0	15	2
Infrastructure (includes local government and utilities)	Hectares	575	0	219	0	25	0	477	0
	Applications	44	0	32	0	26	0	36	0
Other development (includes mining not assessed under The Department of Mines and Petroleum delegation, basic raw materials, and all other purposes such as fire hazard reduction and fence line clearing)	Hectares	296	29	326	9	55	1	135	0
	Applications	41	4	26	4	19	1	20	0
Total hectares		920	69	1,060	2,771	91	1	903	75
Total applications		91	5	69	12	48	1	71	2

Contaminated sites

Form 1s	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of Form 1s carried over from previous quarter	16	13	31	6
No. of Form 1s received	54	52*	58	207
No. of Form 1s processed within 45 calendar days	56	34*	83	125
No. of Form 1s open at end of quarter	13	31	6	88
No. of Form 1s exceeding 45 calendar days	1	0	0	0
Percentage of Form 1s that were processed within the statutory timeframe of 45 calendar days (target = 100% Form 1s processed)	98%	100%	100%	100%

*Note: Some values for Q2 (2016–17) have been corrected following data cleansing.

Contaminated sites – additional data

Classified sites and parcels (at 30 June 2017)

Classified sites and parcels	Sites	Parcels
Contaminated – remediation required	309	823
Contaminated – restricted use	118	315
Remediated for restricted use	493	3,918
Possibly contaminated – investigation required	1,429	3,165
Decontaminated	494	7,927
Not contaminated – unrestricted use	343	5,759
Report not substantiated	363	1,350
Total	3,549	23,257

Mandatory auditor's reports (MARs)

Mandatory auditor's reports (MARs)	2016–17			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of MARs carried over from previous quarter	10*	3	7*	4*
No. of MARs received in quarter	17*	18	9	17
No. of MARs processed by DER only ¹ in quarter	11	6	3	11
Total No. of MARs processed in quarter	24*	10	9	12
No. of MARs open at end of quarter	3*	11	7	9
Average time for MARs processed by DER only (days)	22	16	23	14.9
Percentage of MARs processed by DER only within 21 calendar days (target = 80% MARs processed)	54%	83%	33%	91%

¹ Where MARs require specialist technical advice, such as in relation to asbestos, radiological contamination or quantitative human health risk assessment, these MARs are referred to other relevant agencies.

*Note: Some values have been corrected following data cleansing.

Compliance programs 2016–17

Inspection program	Program description	Q4 inspections (Actual)	2016–17 inspections (Actual)	2016–17 inspections (Target)	Percentage of annual target achieved
Prescribed Premises Compliance Program (PPCP)*	Assessing compliance with licences and registrations issued under Part V of the EP Act.	72	271	284	95%
Works Approval Compliance Program*	Targeted inspection of premises with completed works under works approvals.	0	6	N/A	N/A
Waste Compliance Program	Landfills and associated waste industries.	136	315	312	101%
Licence Review Program	Targeted risk-based review of existing prescribed premises.	0	16	89	18%
Environmental Standards Implementation Program	Assessing premises transition to published Environmental Standards.	0	0	N/A	N/A
Controlled Waste Program	Controlled waste carriers, drivers, vehicles and tanks, and waste facilities.	20	94	120	78%
Light Industry Compliance Program	Joint program with local governments targeting light industrial areas.	83	368	360	102%
Environmental Response Program	Includes interagency inspections targeting hazardous materials storage.	9	48	40	120%
Asbestos Testing Regime Program	Assessing and validating asbestos testing regimes for recycled construction and demolition material with the <i>Guideline for managing asbestos at construction and demolition waste recycling facilities</i> .	0	0	N/A	N/A
Clearing Regulation Compliance Program	Assessing compliance with clearing permits issued under Part V of the EP Act and the <i>Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004</i> .	12	44	40	110%
Total		332	1162	1245	93%