

Outstanding questions from AER's EDPR predetermination conference 15 October:

1. AMI Tariffs Order in Council - the six-month extension:

The Department is currently considering consequential amendments as a result of the National Energy Legislation Amendment (NELA) Bill. As part of this, consideration is being given to making mechanical changes to the AMI Tariffs Order In Council to extend provisions which are scheduled to end on 31 December 2020. The scope of these changes will be to extend the current requirements which were to end on 31 December 2020 to 1 July 2021.

Additional amendments to the AMI Tariffs Order in Council, to give effect to the new policy post 1 July 2021, will be considered at a later stage and will be subject to broader consultation.

2. DELWP's vision for VEC & VDO:

The Department's vision for Victorian Energy Compare is to ensure that it remains a contemporary and comprehensive price comparator. Consideration is currently being given to any necessary changes to ensure it is able to effectively compare any new tariffs available for small customers.

The Victorian Government is committed to protecting consumers and making energy more affordable for Victorian households and small businesses. The VDO ensures Victorians receive a fair price for electricity and includes provisions to cap the maximum amount that retailers can charge customers on non-flat tariffs. For more information on how the maximum annual bill amounts for non-flat tariffs are calculated please visit <https://www.esc.vic.gov.au/electricity-and-gas/prices-tariffs-and-benchmarks/victorian-default-offer/victorian-default-offer-price-review-2020>.

3. Views on tariffs in a declining revenue environment:

The Department does not have any additional views on tariffs in a declining revenue environment as per the observation made by ECA's representative.

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