

Question:

Can you advise how many rainwater tanks have been approved for eligible residents of Katherine?

I note they are to be installed by December this year.

Also, how many homes are now being supplied with alternate drinking water supplies in the Katherine/Tindal area?

Response:

Defence has introduced several measures to manage PFAS in the Katherine Region. These include:

- interim PFAS water treatment plant
- alternative water supplies for eligible residents
- rainwater tanks for eligible residents.

There are currently 45 properties eligible to receive rainwater tanks in the Katherine area. Rainwater tanks will be installed at 20 of the eligible properties by 1 December 2017.

Quotes for the remaining 25 eligible properties are currently in the process of being finalised, and it is expected that rainwater tanks will be installed at these properties shortly after finalisation. Further information on rainwater tanks is available in the [rainwater tank support factsheet](#).

As of 17 October 2017, Defence is providing alternative water to 52 properties in the Katherine region that are not connected to town water. Many of these properties are eligible to receive rainwater tanks and are expected to transition to rainwater tanks before the end of the wet season.

Further information on Defence's management activities is available at: defence.gov.au/Environment/PFAS/ManagementActivities.asp