

Response provided to journalist
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Question:

I am forwarding a recorded interview with Defence Minister Marise Payne in Darwin yesterday.

In her answers to reporters, the Minister said a new water treatment plant would be installed in Katherine in September, and be up and running in October.

Is this correct?

Response:

The Katherine water treatment plant is currently being constructed in the United States. It is due to arrive in Australia in late September 2017 however this is dependent on construction and transportation times. Once the plant arrives in Australia, it will commence a commissioning process. It is expected that the system will be treating water, as part of the commissioning process, by the end of October 2017 and fully operational shortly after.