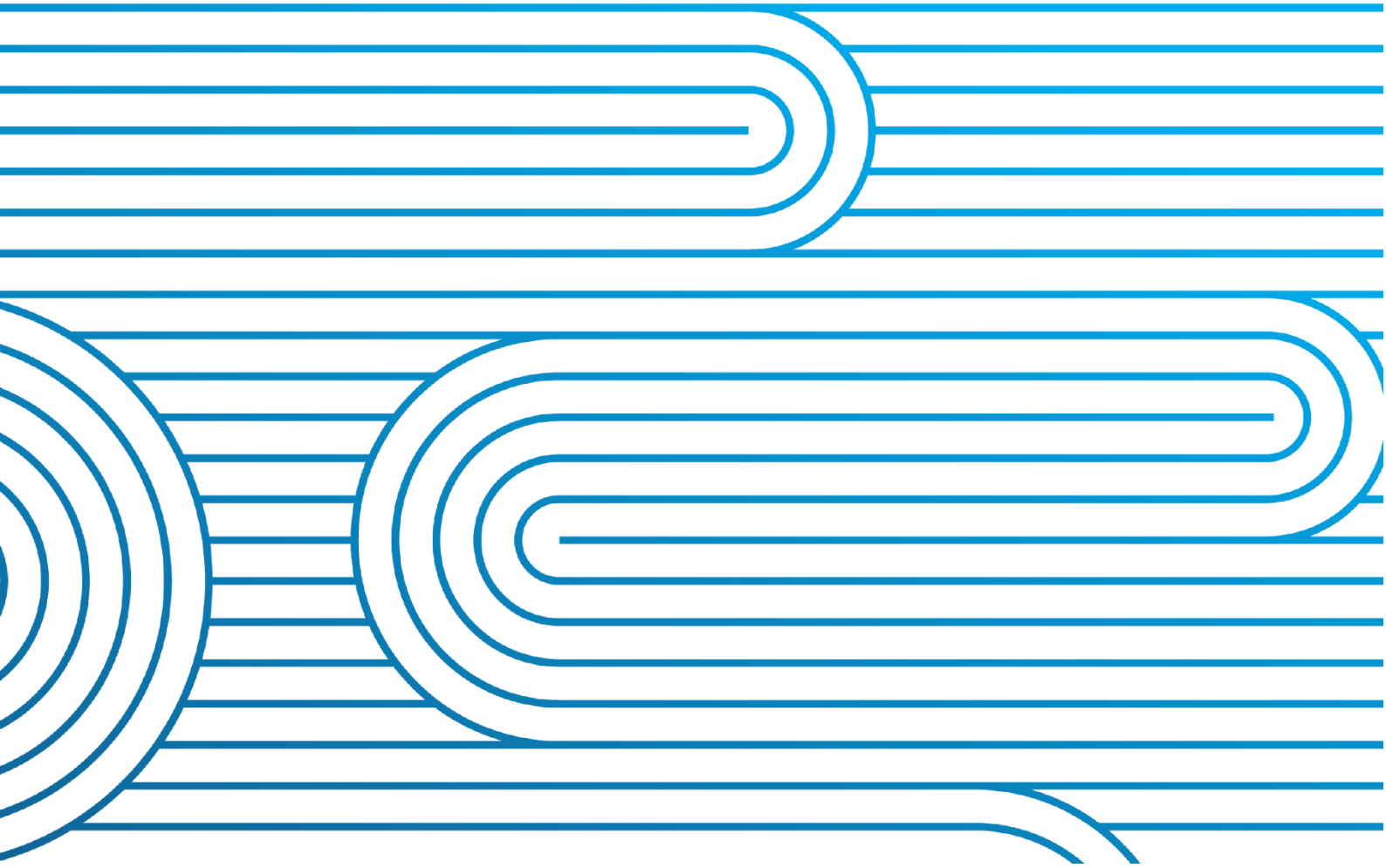
TRANSPOWER

Quarterly system performance information

April to June



Report Purpose

This report is Transpower's review of its performance as system operator in accordance with clauses 3.13 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (the Code) and 12.3 of the System Operator Service Provider Agreement (SOSPA):

3.13 Self-review must be carried out by market operation service providers

*(1) Each **market operation service provider** must conduct, on a monthly basis, a self-review of its performance.*

*(2) The review must concentrate on the **market operation service provider's** compliance with—*

*(a) its obligations under this Code and Part 2 and Subpart 1 of Part 4 of the **Act**; and*

*(b) the operation of this Code and Part 2 and Subpart 1 of Part 4 of the **Act**; and*

*(c) any performance standards agreed between the **market operation service provider** and the **Authority**; and*

*(d) the provisions of the **market operation service provider agreement**.*

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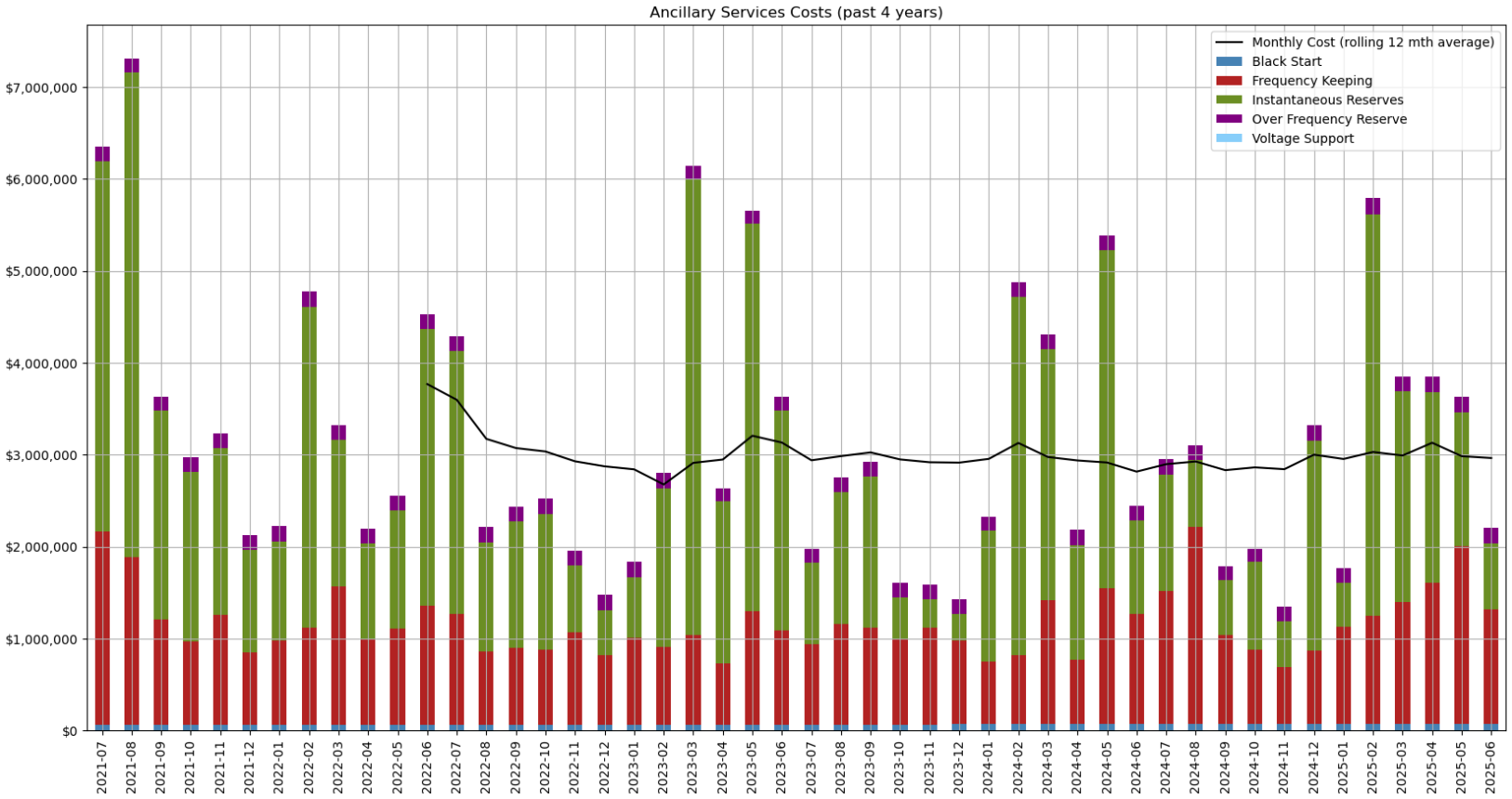
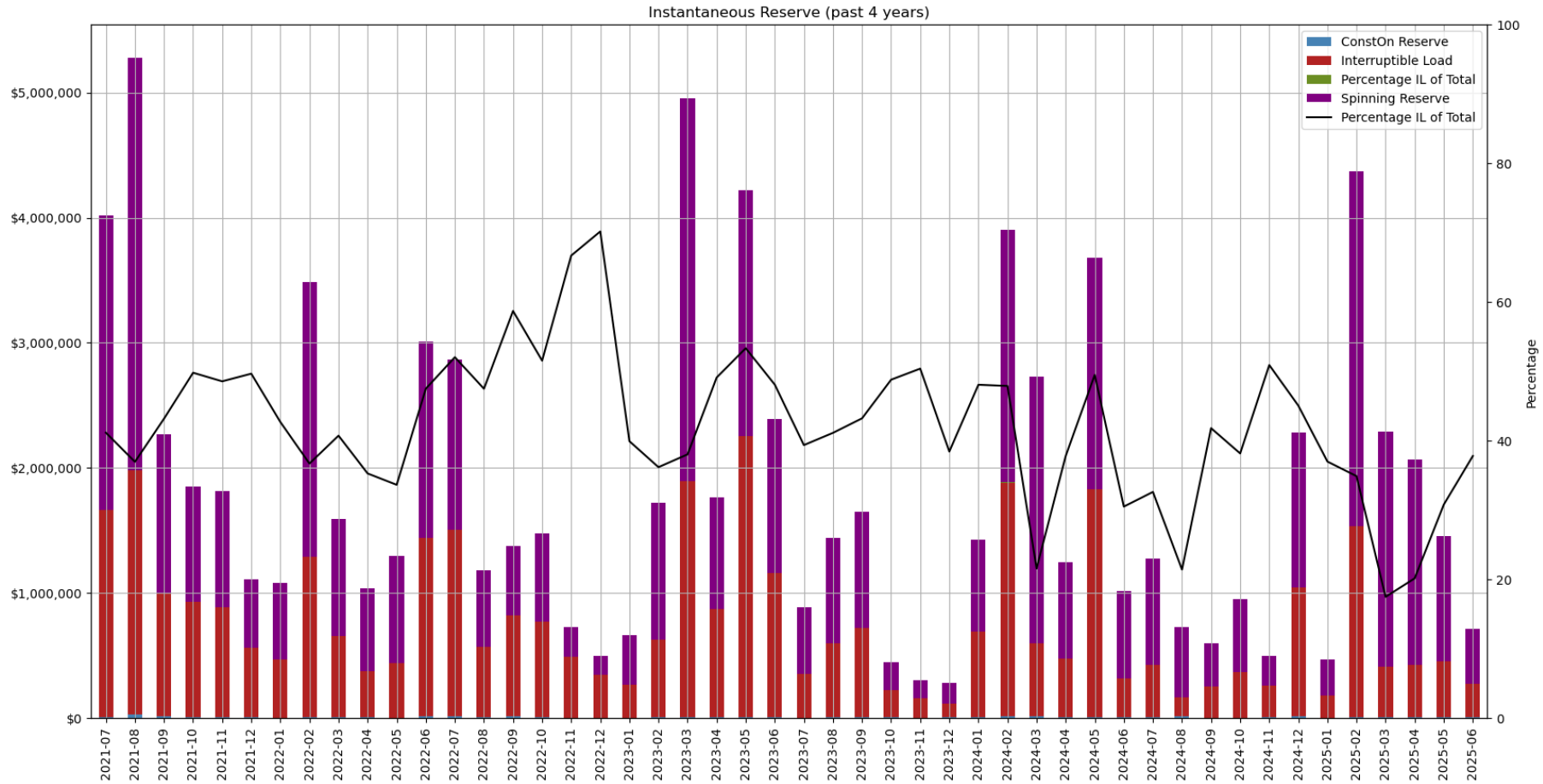
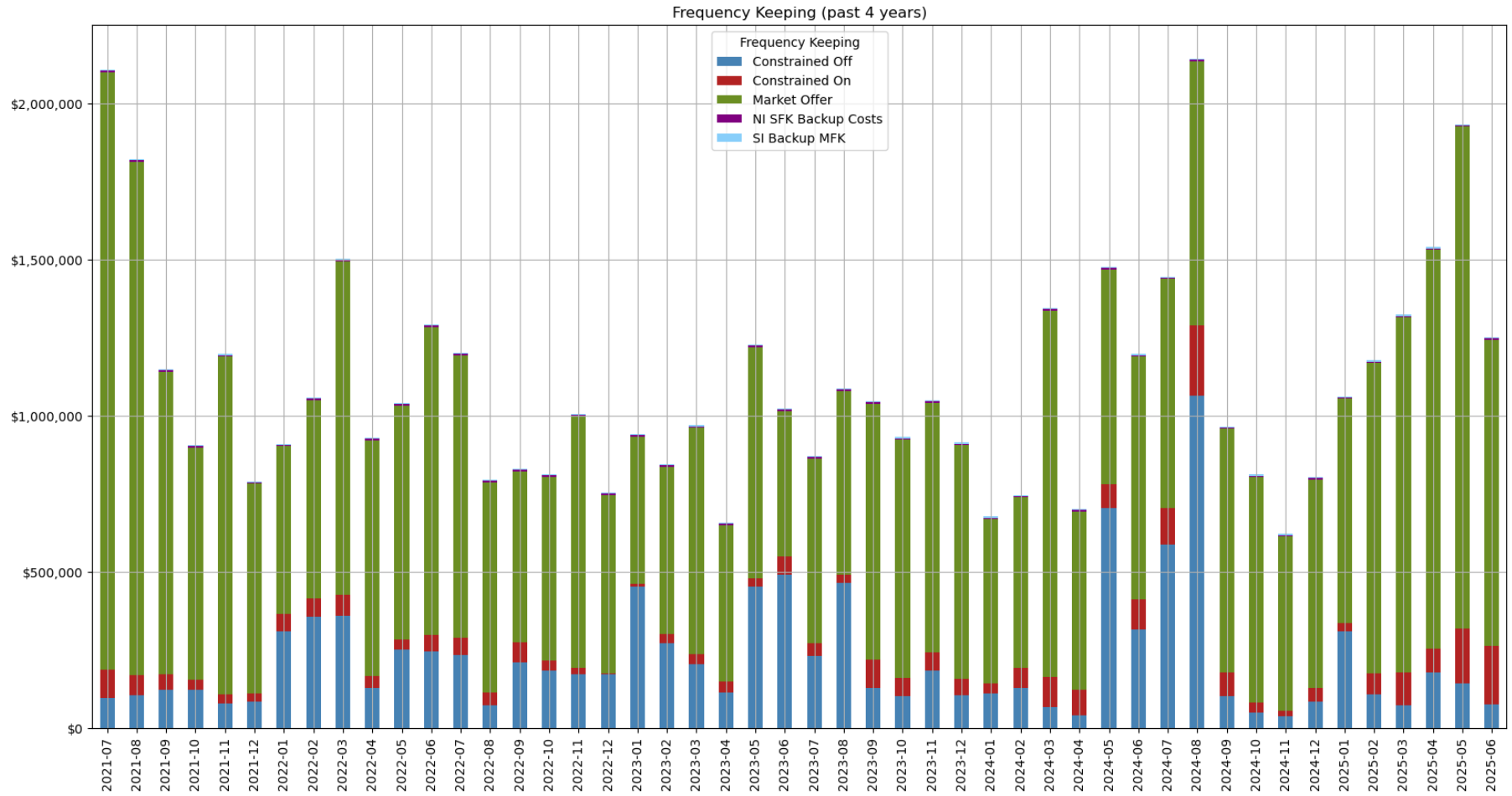
1. Ancillary services costs



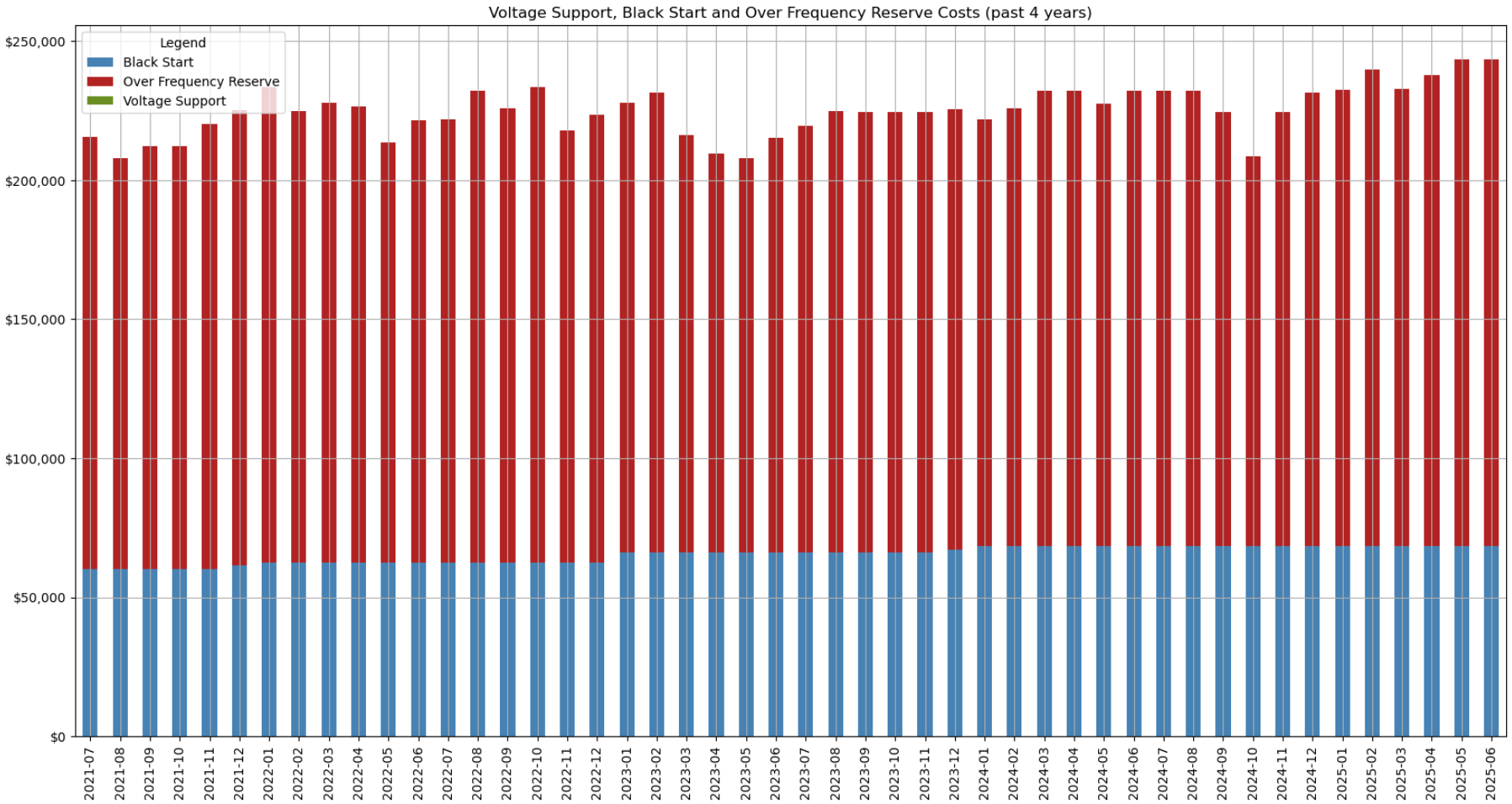
Ancillary service costs were lower this quarter than the previous quarter. The decrease was driven by a decrease in the instantaneous reserve costs which are shown in the graph below.



Instantaneous reserve costs were lower this quarter than last quarter. Costs progressively decreased over the quarter reflecting decreasing prices as the storage in the South Island hydro catchments improved. An unplanned HVDC Pole 3 outage in May led to the higher priced reserves in the beginning of the quarter. Additional secondary risks because of commissioning plant also affected prices as various generators and energy resources entered and left their commissioning phases.



Frequency keeping costs increased this quarter driven mainly by increases to constrained on frequency keeping costs in the South Island.

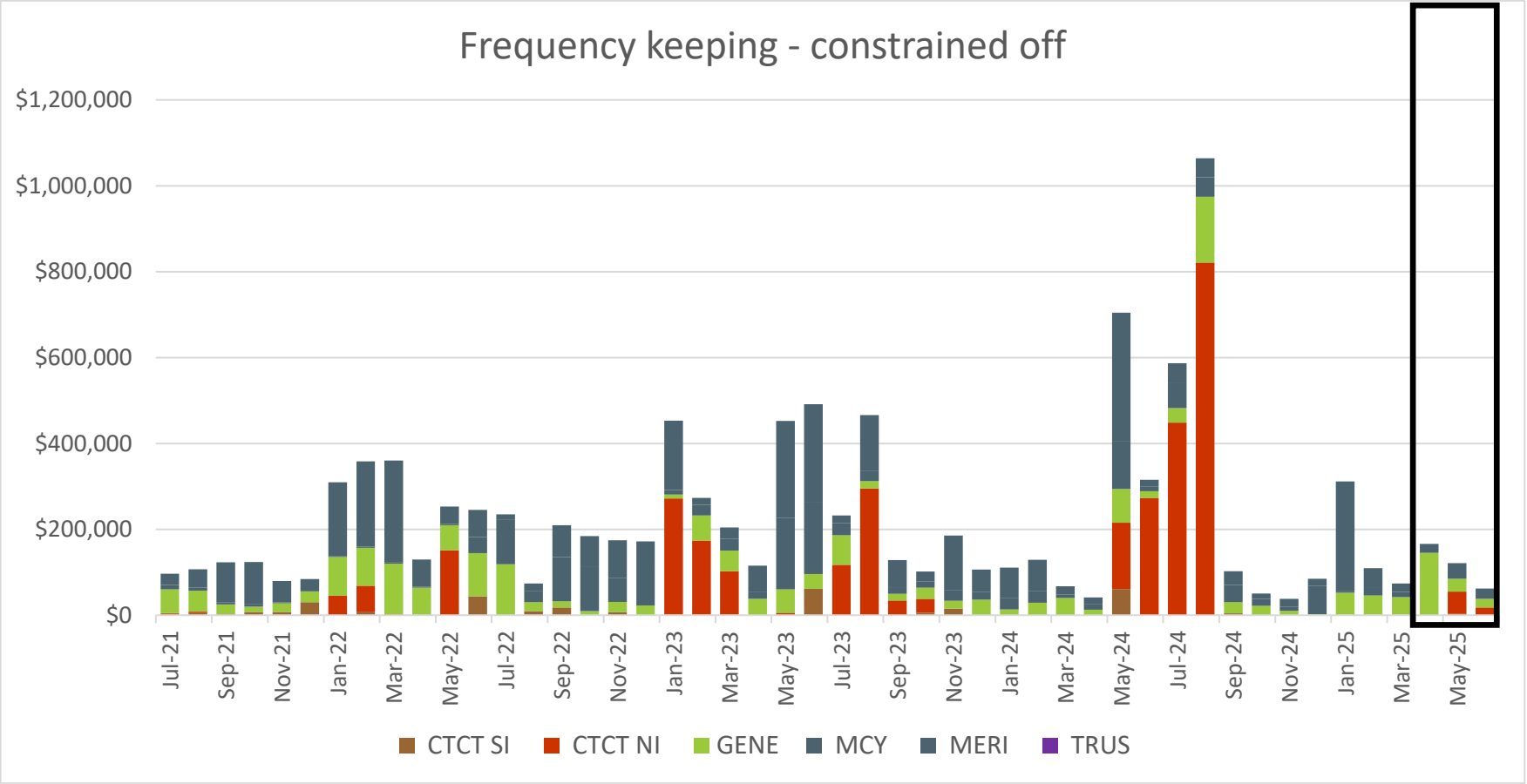


Over frequency reserve costs were higher this quarter reflecting increased availability of generator units which provide these services. Black start costs remained the same.

1.1 Constrained on/off costs

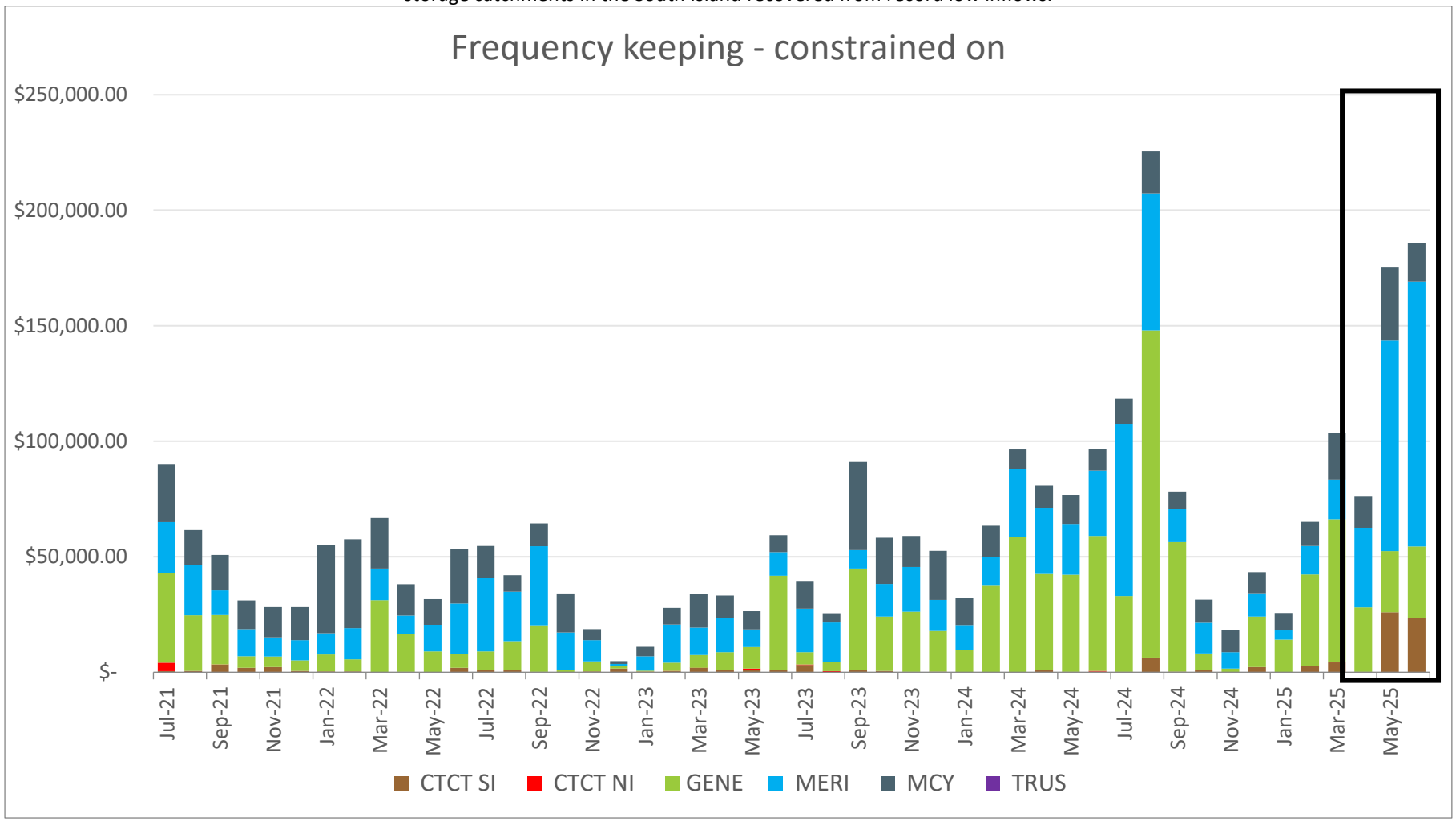
Note: Where there is a high payment, as opposed to in increasing/decreasing trend, it will often relate to payments over a small number of trading periods.

Frequency Keeping



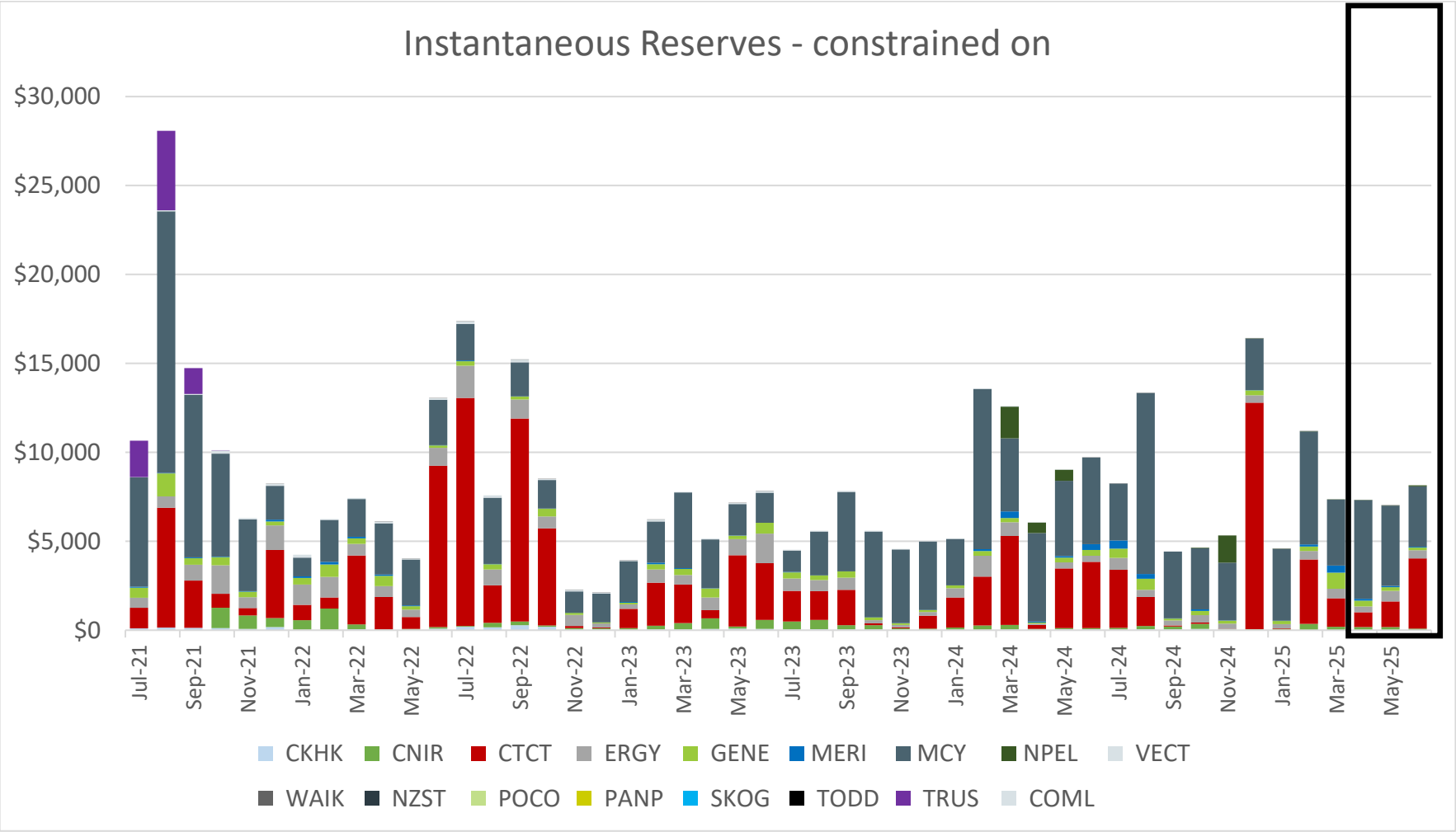
Constrained off costs have decreased this quarter. The decrease in costs can be attributed to the lower market prices compared to the previous quarters as hydro

storage catchments in the South Island recovered from record low inflows.



Constrained on costs increased this quarter reflecting high market prices for generation in the South Island over the second half of the quarter. However overall, these costs are still relatively low compared to other ancillary service costs.

Instantaneous Reserves



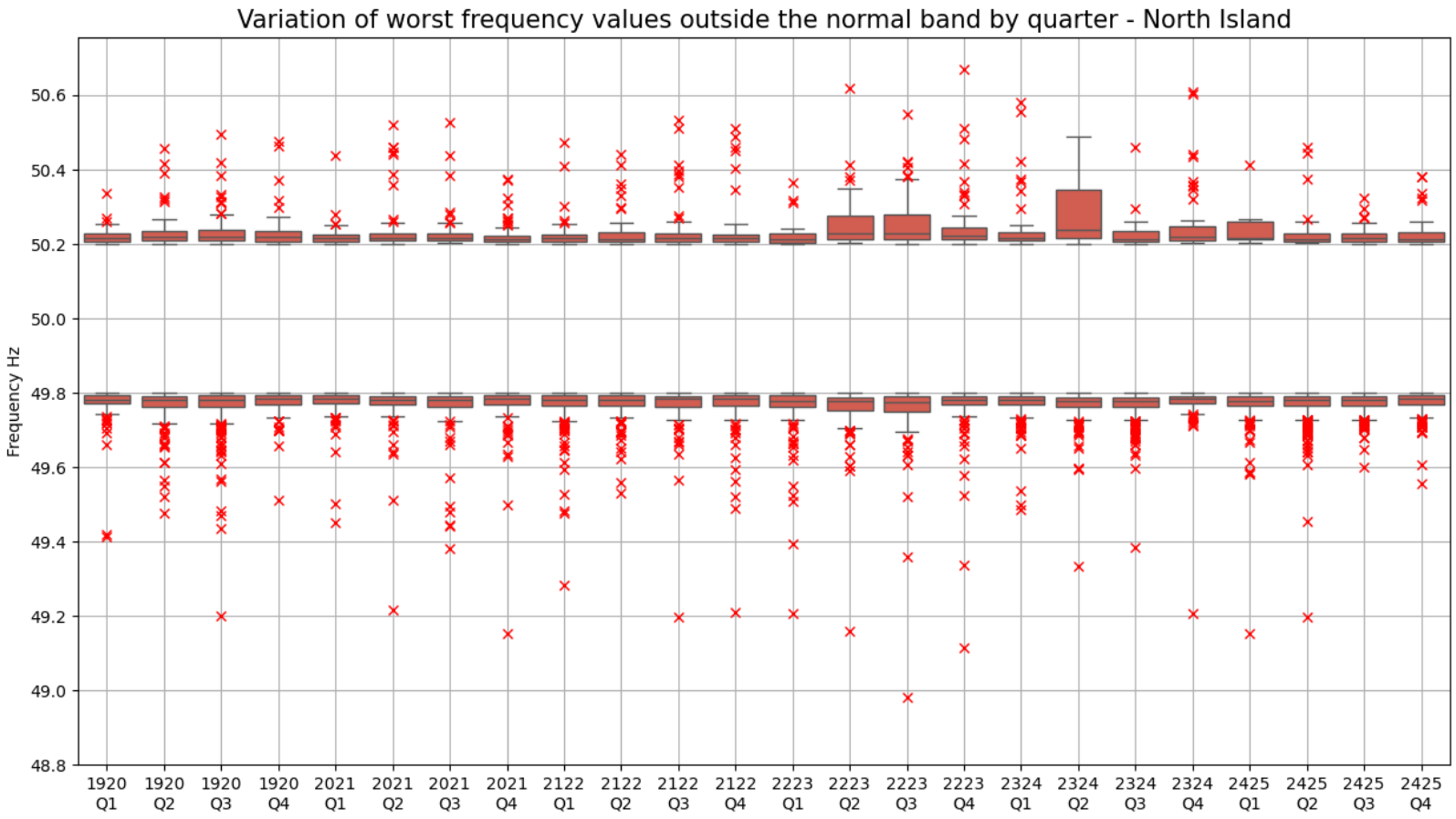
Costs this quarter are comparable to last quarter. These costs are relatively low compared to other ancillary service costs.

2. Frequency fluctuations

2.1 Maintain frequency in normal band (Frequency value)

The following charts show the distribution of the worst frequency excursion outside the normal band (49.8 to 50.2 Hz) by quarter since Q3 2017/18, including the reporting period.

North Island



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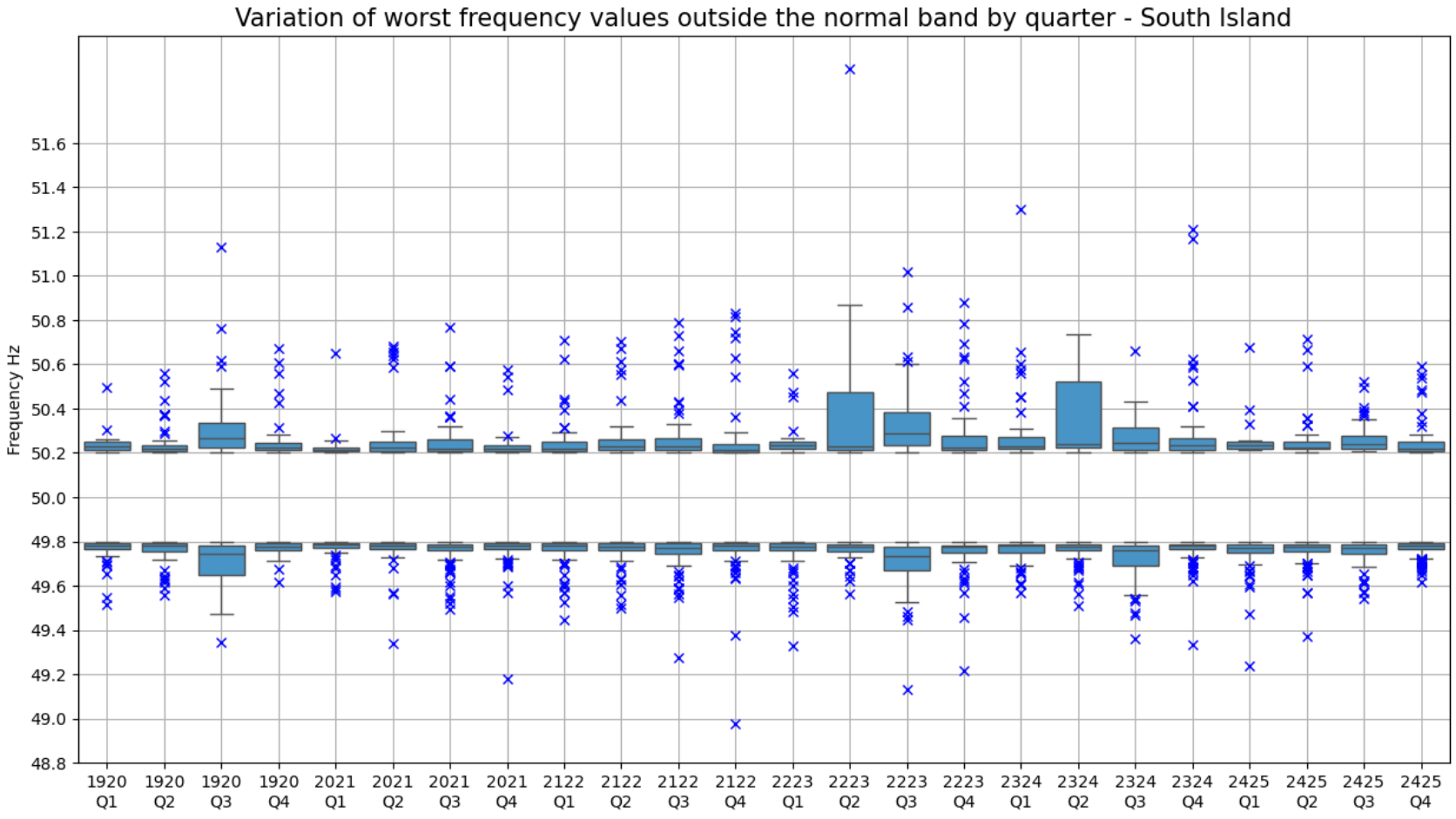


Note: These box and whisker charts show the distribution of data. The “box” represents the distribution of the middle 50% of the data, the “whiskers” indicate variability, and outliers are shown as single data points.

Excursions ± 0.5 Hz of the normal band this quarter:

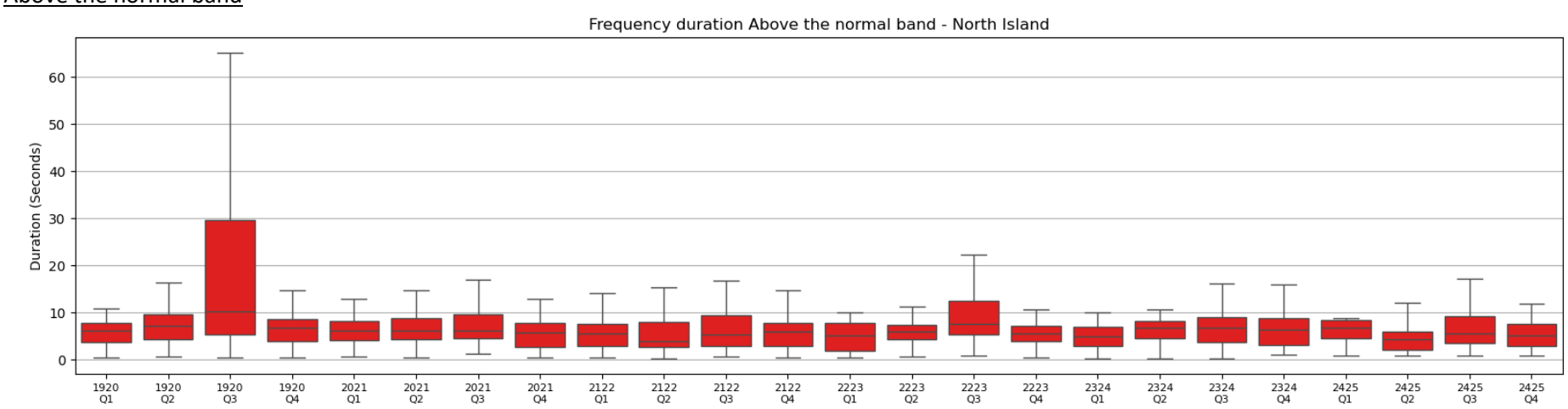
	Above	Below
April		HVDC Pole 2 start-up 20/04, Huntly generation tripping (N/S) 21/04
May		
June	Tiwai Potline 05/06, 14/06 & 22/06	

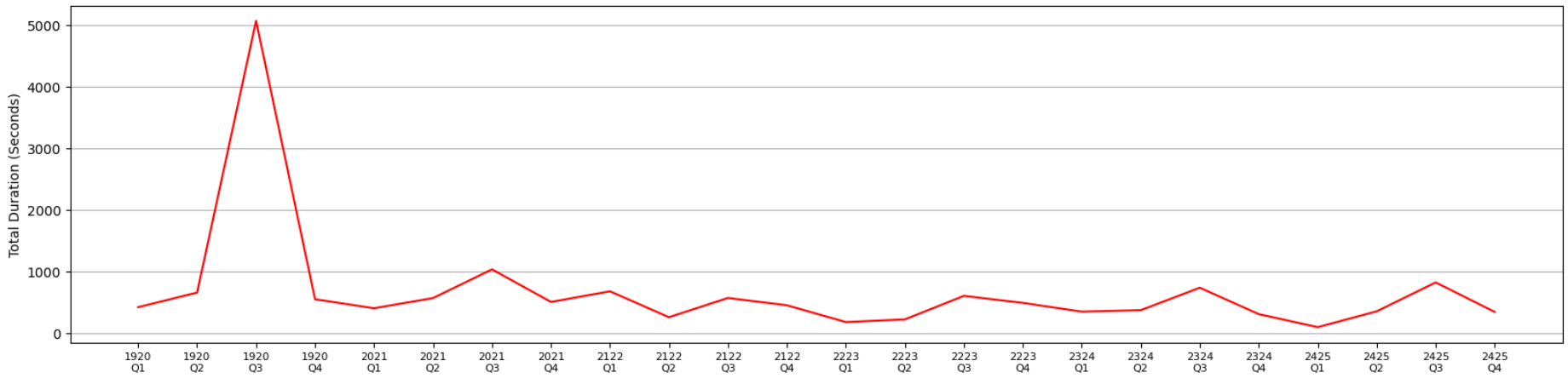
2.1.1 Recover quickly from a fluctuation (Time)

The following charts show the median and total duration of all the momentary fluctuations above and below the normal band for each island. The information is shown as a 4-quarter rolling average to illustrate trends in the data.

North Island

Above the normal band





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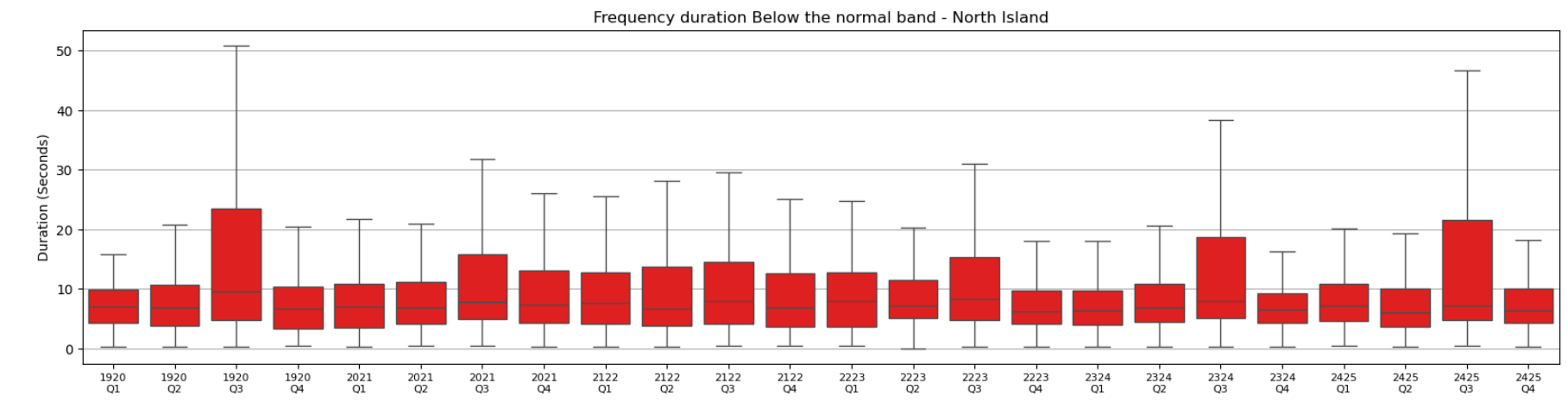

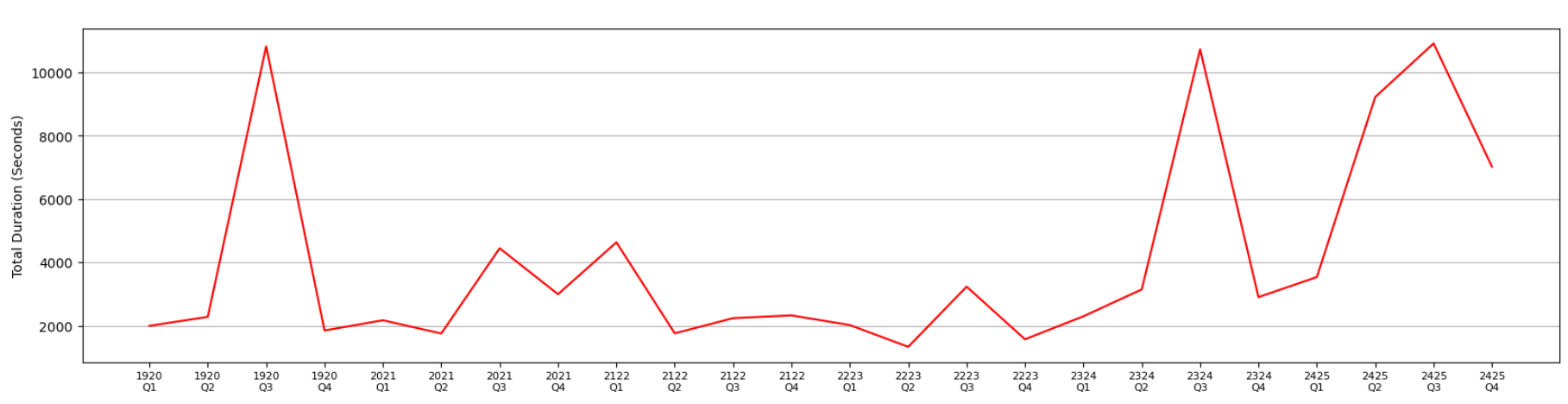

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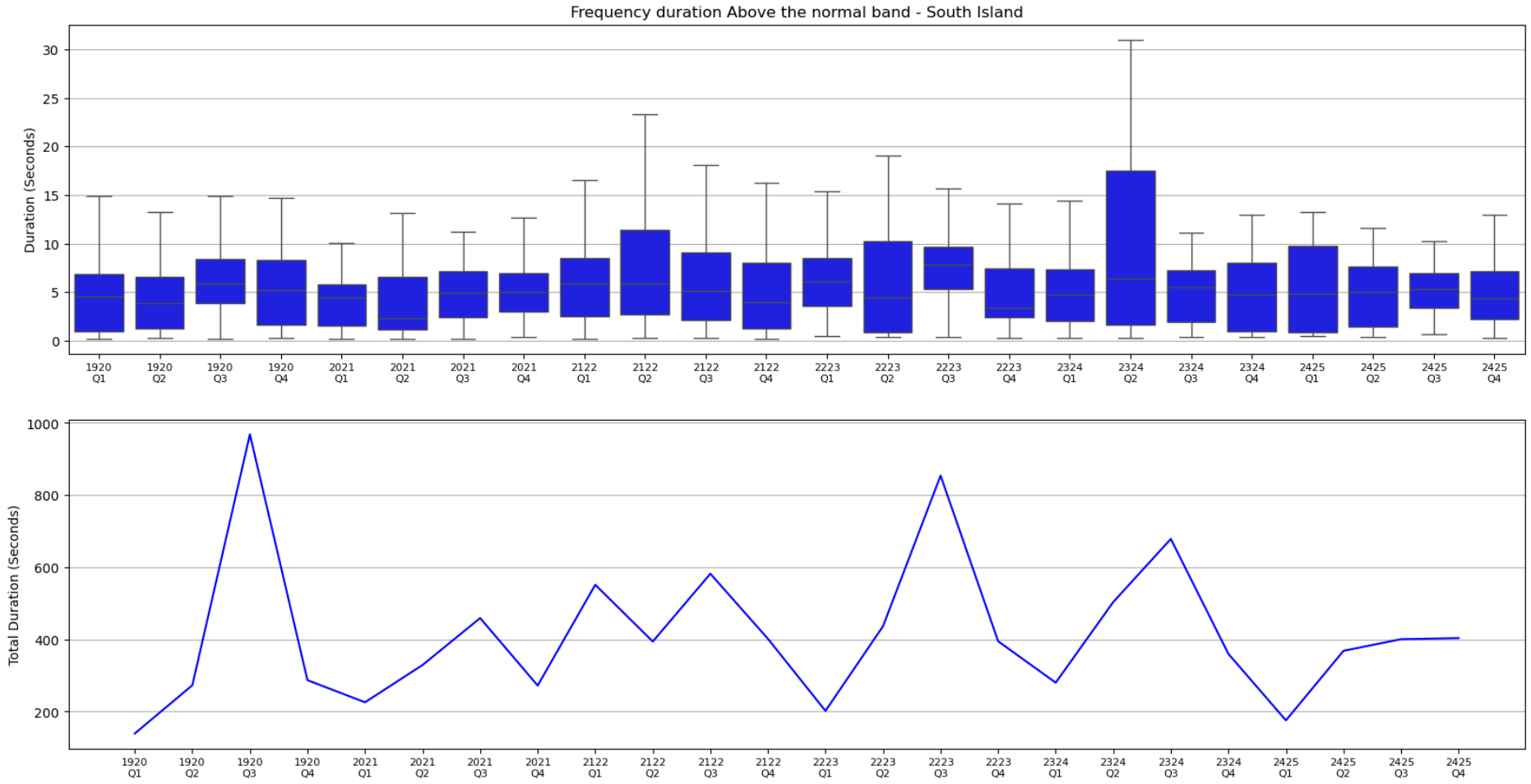

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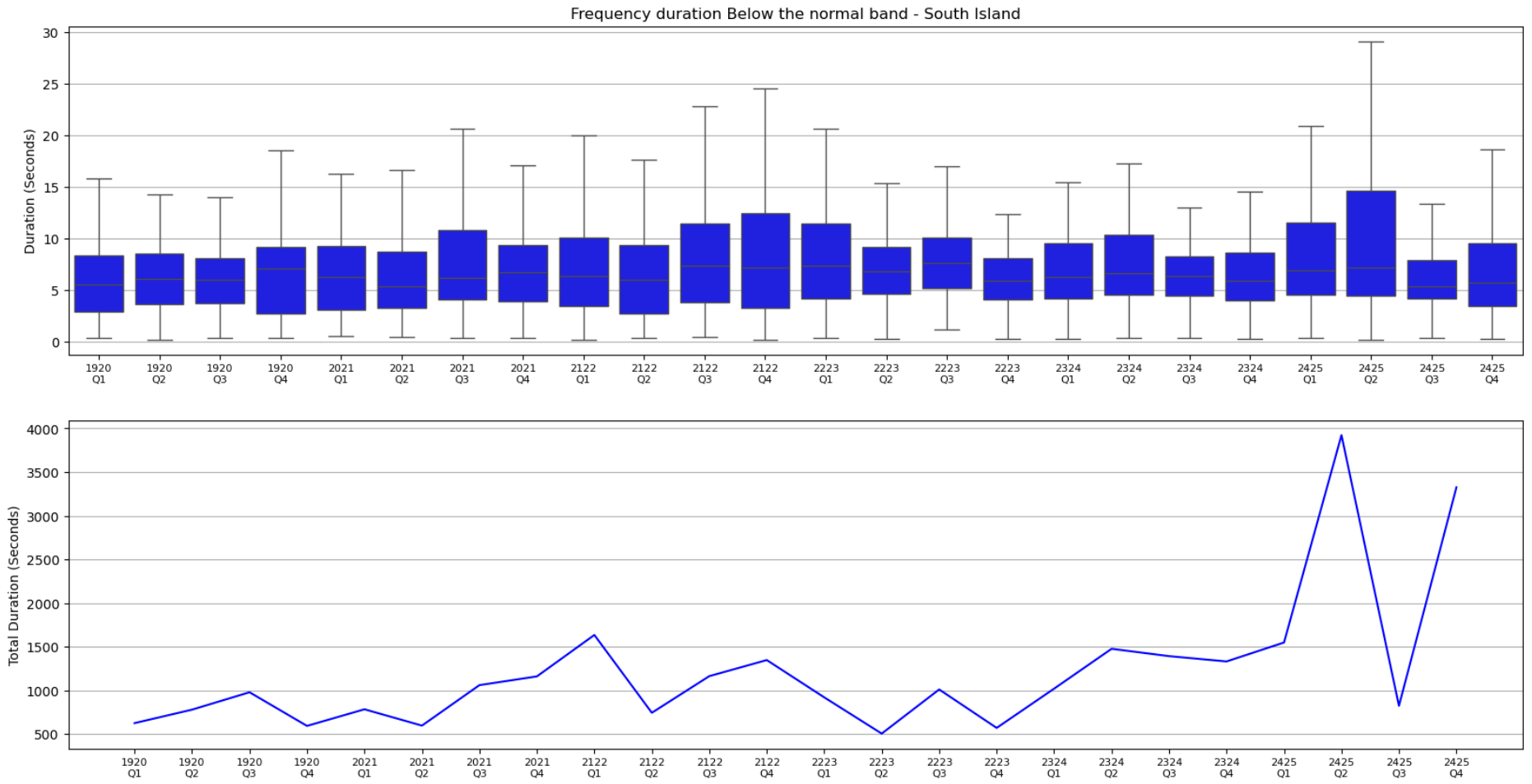

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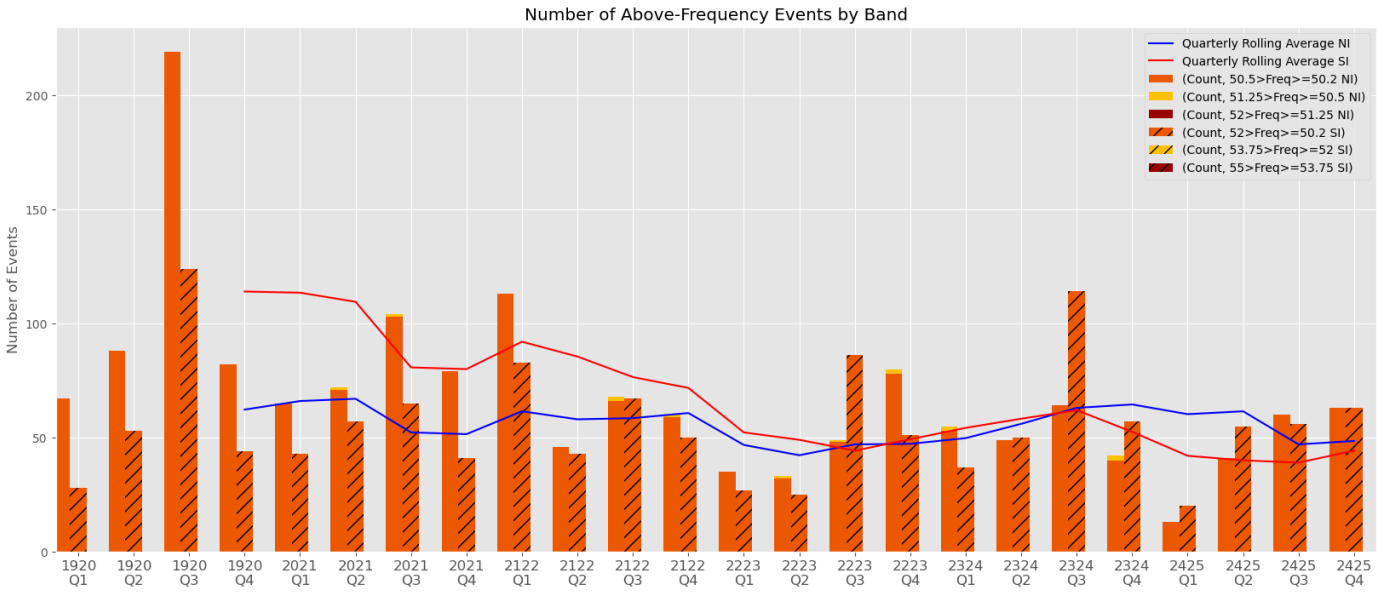
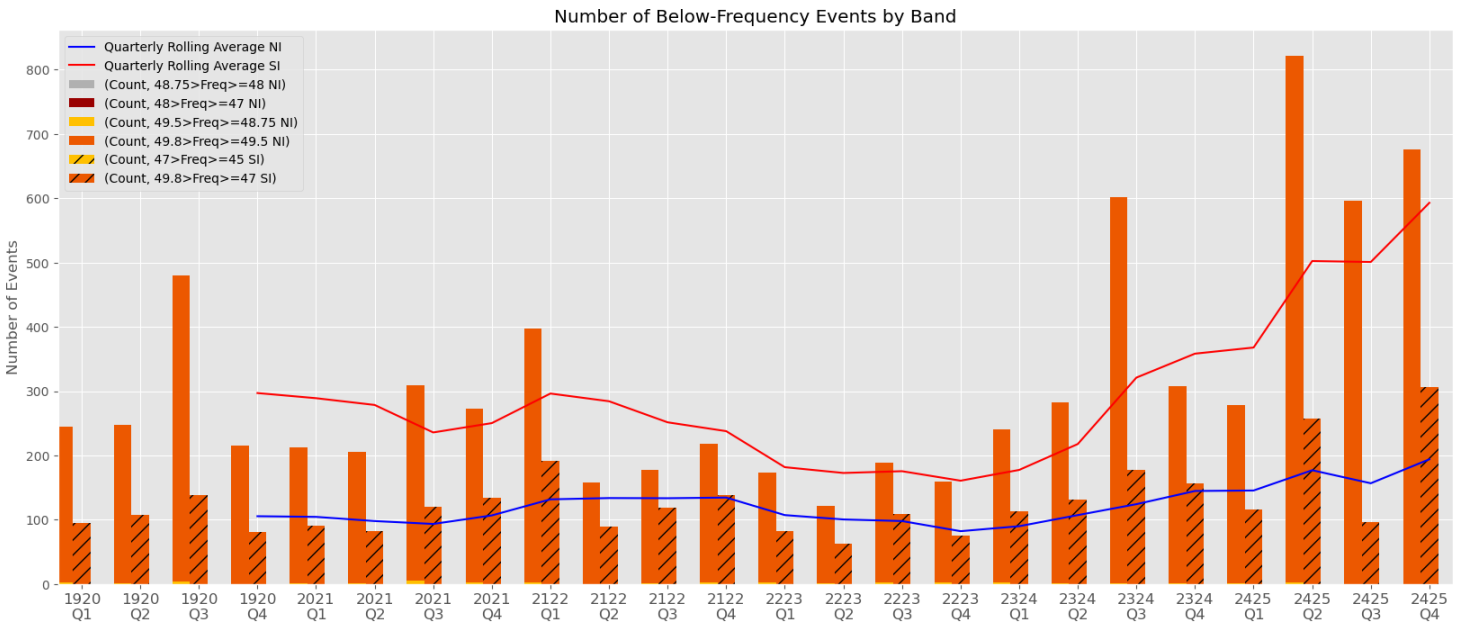
2.2 Manage frequency and limit rate of occurrences during momentary fluctuations (Number)

The following charts show the number of momentary fluctuations outside the frequency normal band, grouped by frequency band, for each quarter since Q3 2017/18. Information is shown by island, including a 4-quarter rolling average to show the prevailing trend.

Over-frequency events



Under-frequency events



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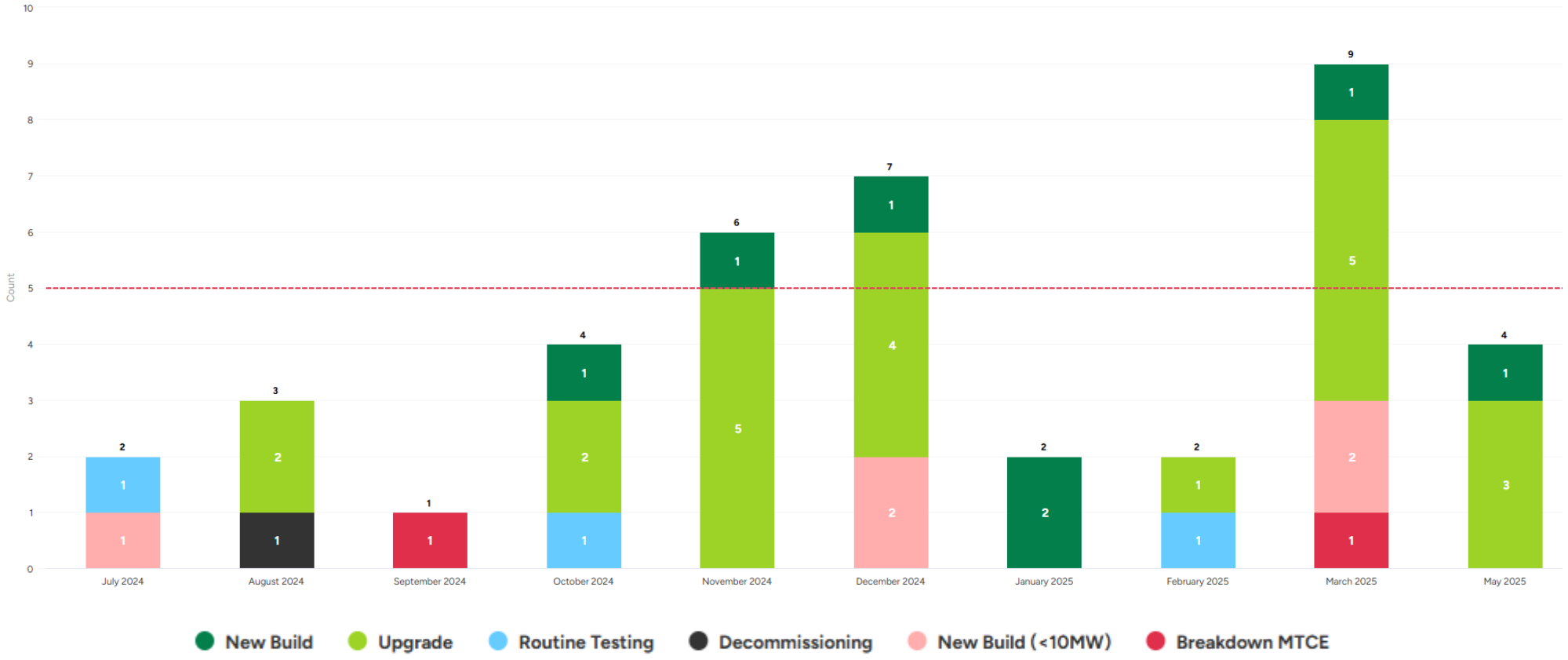
Reporting against Code clause 7.2E:

North Island	52 > x ≥ 51.25	51.25 > x ≥ 50.5	49.5 > x ≥ 48.75	48.75 > x ≥ 48	48 > x ≥ 47
2024					
Apr	0	2	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	1	0	0
Jul	0	0	1	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	0	1	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	2	0	0
2025					
Jan	0	0	2	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	1	0	0
Apr	0	0	1	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0

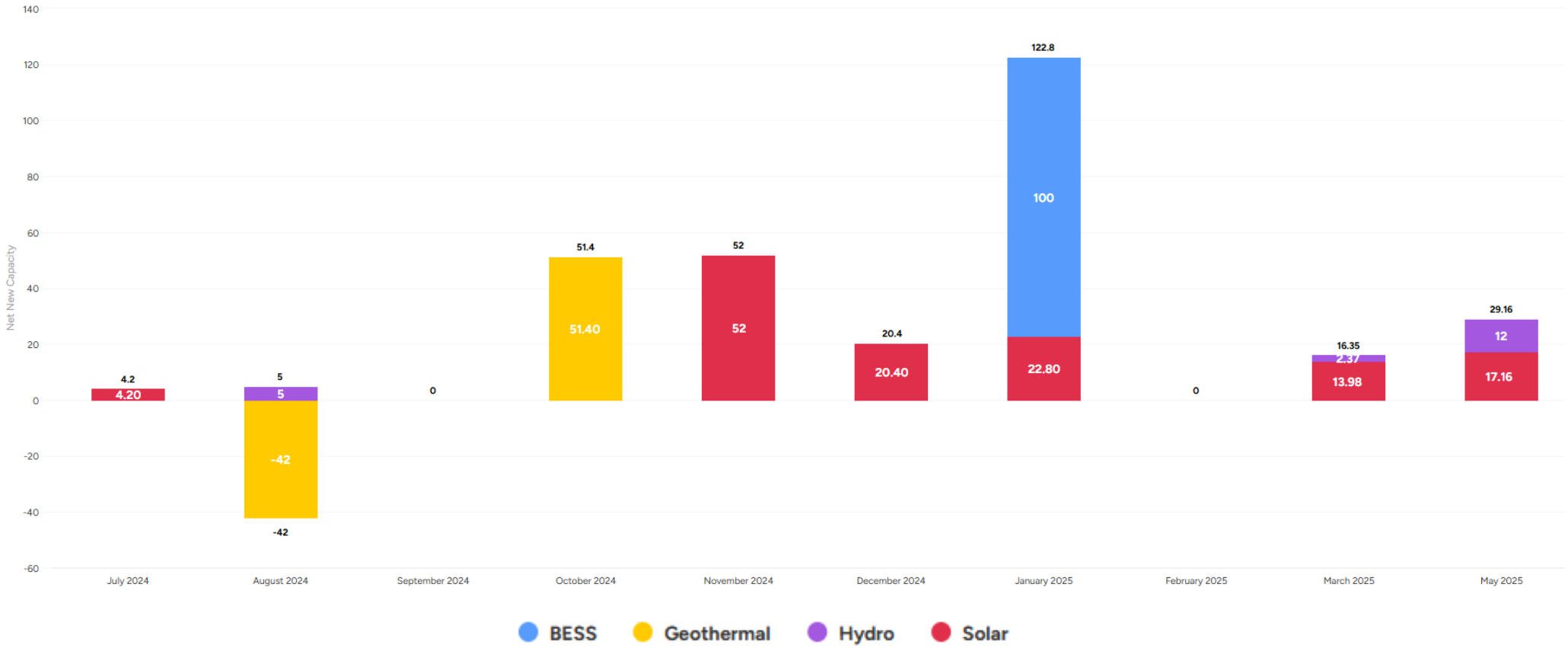
South Island	55 > x ≥ 53.75	53.75 > x ≥ 52	52 > x ≥ 51.25	51.25 > x ≥ 50.5	49.5 > x ≥ 48.75	48.75 > x ≥ 48	48 > x ≥ 47	47 > x ≥ 45
2024								
Apr	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2025								
Jan	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. Commissioning

3.1 FY 24/25 Completed and Confirmed Commissioning



3.2 FY 24/25 New Capacity (MW) by Generation Type



4. Security notices

The following table shows the number of Warning Notices, Grid Emergency Notices and Customer Advice Notices issued over the last 12 months.

Notices issued	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
Demand Allocation Notice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grid Emergency Notice	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	1	-
Warning Notice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Customer Advice Notice	11	12	8	17	6	12	12	5	11	18	18	21	10

4.1 Low residual CANs

This quarter we have issued 0 low residual Customer Advice Notices

5. Grid emergencies

The following table shows grid emergencies declared by the System Operator January to March 2025.

Date	Time	Summary Details	Island
17 April 2025	10:30	Due to the unplanned outage on HVDC Pole 3, a Grid Emergency was declared to request more South Island Sustained Instantaneous Reserves.	SI
29 May 2025	07:22	After a tripping of Islington (ISL) transformer 3 a verbal Grid Emergency was declared at ISL to manage N-1 security. Orion was instructed to remove controllable load in their 66kV network and transfer load from ISL to Bromley (BRY)	SI