

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No.712

asked on Thursday, 12 May 2005

MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the table on page 28 of the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and the allocation of \$23m for raising the Hinze Dam, South Maroochy storage upgrade and the Ewen Maddock Dam upgrade, and as the Gold Coast Bulletin reported on 5 May 2005 the State Government “gave an undertaking to provide \$32m of the \$80m project” in reference to the raising of the Hinze Dam—

Will he explain exactly what his department’s contribution to this project will be?

ANSWER:

I anticipate that the State contribution towards the raising of Hinze Dam for water supply and flood mitigation purposes will be in line with the State’s subsidy scheme. As indicated in the South East Queensland Regional Infrastructure Plan and Program, the current subsidy rate for major water supply projects is 40%.