

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 725

asked on Thursday, 12 May 2005

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the commencement of the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative—

Will he provide the following details for Queensland (a) the number of capped, piped and open bore drains [reported separately] completed under the scheme, (b) the number of bookings for completion of capped, piped and open bore drains [reported separately] under the scheme, (c) the estimated number [not booked to date] of capped, piped and open bore drains [reported separately] still requiring completion by the end of the scheme and (d) the actual expenditure committed by the Queensland Government on this initiative since its commencement and the estimated budgeted expenditure committed by the Queensland Government for the remaining period of the initiative [reported separately for each financial year]?

ANSWER:

- (a) Since the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative (GABSI) began in July 1999, 153 bores have been rehabilitated (capped), 133 bores piped and approximately 4,700km of bore drains have been replaced under the initiative. Prior to GABSI other State government funded schemes contributed to a further 347 bores being rehabilitated, 61 bores piped and 2,409km of bore drains being replaced under government subsidy.
- (b) There are currently 58 rehabilitation and 52 piping jobs that are scheduled for completion in the coming financial year.
- (c) It is estimated that over 100 further bores will be rehabilitated and 90 bore drains replaced by the end of the second five year stage of GABSI in June 2009. Given these estimated figures for rehabilitation and piping in GABSI stage 2, approximately 330 bores will remain to be rehabilitated and 350 bore drains will still require replacing at the end of June 2009.
- (d) Expenditure to date by the Queensland Government in relation to GABSI is as follows:

1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004
\$1.21 million	\$1.96 million	\$2.22 million	\$4.62 million	\$6.28 million

The expenditure committed by the Queensland Government to the second five-year stage of GABSI is:

2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
\$4.0 million	\$4.1 million	\$4.7 million	\$4.8 million	\$4.9 million