

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1009

asked on Wednesday 7 June 2006

MS LEE LONG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POLICY (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

Why isn't clean, green, renewable, hydro-electric power being considered for use in Queensland, instead of nuclear power and greenhouse gas emitting coal power and will he collaborate with the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Water on this issue?

ANSWER:

Queensland has hydro-electric power stations at Barron Gorge, Kareeya and Koombooloomba. It is surprising the Member is unaware of the Koombooloomba hydro power station.

Stanwell Corporation, a Government owned electricity corporation, is investing more than \$22 million in upgrading and maintaining the Barron Gorge and Kareeya hydro power stations.

The Queensland Government is willing to consider further hydro-electric projects as long as they are cost-competitive, economically viable, provide reliability of supply and meet environmental management standards.