

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1524

asked on Thursday, 30 November 2006

MR MCARDLE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Baroon Pocket Dam on the Sunshine Coast—

Is it the Government's intention to draw water from that dam either directly or through Ewan Maddock Dam as part of the Government's future plan to supply water to south east Queensland; if so (a) what is the expected date that water will be drawn from the Baroon Pocket Dam either directly or indirectly, (b) what is the cost of the infrastructure required to facilitate the water being drawn from Baroon Pocket Dam, (c) who will initially bear the cost of such infrastructure, (d) will the Caloundra City Council be required to meet, initially or at a later date, a contribution to the initial infrastructure costs and (e) who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure and will the Caloundra City Council be required to meet any of those costs at any time in the future?

ANSWER:

This question would be best directed to my colleague, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure, whose portfolio responsibilities cover this issue.