Question on Notice
No. 770
Asked on 23 May 2006

Mr QUINN asked the Premier (Mr Beattie)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the full page advertisement by the Queensland Government titled "Building Queensland's Future" an example of which appeared in *The Australian Financial Review* on Thursday 27 April 2006—
Will he advise (a) the State Government Department and division/unit within that department that authorised this advertisement, (b) whether the advertisement was printed in any other media publication on Thursday 27 April 2006, (c) whether the advertisement was printed in any other media publication on any other dates; if so, which dates and (d) a breakdown of the monetary cost for each separate advertisement, including radio and television advertising costs?

ANSWER:

(a) I authorised and approved the text for the advertisement and it was produced within my department.

(b) On 27 April 2006, the advertisement appeared in the following newspapers:
The Courier-Mail
The Australian
The Financial Review
Bundaberg News Mail
Cairns Post
Fraser Coast Chronicle
Gladstone Observer
Gold Coast Bulletin
Gympie Times
Ipswich Queensland Times
Mackay Daily Mercury
Mt Isa North West Star
Rockhampton Morning Bulletin
Sunshine Coast Daily
Toowoomba Chronicle
Townsville Bulletin
Warwick Daily News

(c) The advertisement was not printed in any other media publication on any other dates.

(d) The total cost for the advertisement was $68,893.

Two new dams for SE Qld and two new weir projects for Central Qld by 2011

Building Queensland's future

The Queensland Government has made some key decisions about the electricity industry in Queensland. To help meet the challenges of climate change and the continued economic development of the Smart State we're also creating the **Queensland Future Growth Fund.**

This new fund, expected to have more than $1 billion, will position the Smart State to support our booming economy, and tackle the challenges of climate change, through new innovative technology and infrastructure projects.

This will include about $200-300 million to accelerate:

- a major new dam on the Mary River in the Gympie region and a new dam proposed for the Logan River. These two dams will service the large population growth of South East Queensland.
- building a new weir at Rookwood and raising the Eden Bann weir in Central Queensland.

In addition, we will allocate $300 million to the development of clean coal technology – to ensure our levels of greenhouse gas emissions are kept to an absolute minimum while still meeting the growing demand for energy from our growing population and business sector.

Working together with key industry partners will help guarantee the viability of the coal industry while cutting pollution and emissions.

The Queensland Future Growth Fund will be financed from the sale of Sun Retail – comprising the retail business arm of Energex – and the contestable elements of Ergon Retail.

The Queensland Government has decided to keep our generation and distribution networks, poles and wires, in public hands.

There will be further projects to be announced once the sale process has been completed.

The sound economic position of Queensland means investing more in the future growth of the State makes very good business sense.

We're going to continue to build the future for all Queenslanders.

Peter Beattie MP
Premier

Anna Bligh MP
Deputy Premier and Treasurer

For more information about the Queensland Future Growth Fund visit: www.treasury.qld.gov.au

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