

Question on Notice

No. 1

Asked on 6 February 2007

Mr GIBSON asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the building of the Water Grid—

As at 6 February 2007, for each of the following sections of the Water Grid, how much pipe has been laid and what is the total length of pipe to be laid (each project reported separately):

- (a) the Southern Regional Water Pipeline,
- (b) the Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme,
- (c) the Eastern Pipeline Inter-connector and
- (d) the Northern Pipeline Inter-connector?

ANSWER:

I refer the Honorable Member to the Queensland Water Commission's monthly reports on implementation of the water infrastructure projects listed in *Water Regulation (No 6) 2006*. These reports provide monthly updates on progress on the four projects listed in his question.

While the laying of pipes is a critical part of each project it is not necessarily the most complex or time consuming. For example, with regard to the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project, a very large part of the project is the construction of three Advanced Water Treatment Plants at Bundamba, Luggage Point and Gibson Island. In the case of the Southern Regional Water Pipeline (SRWP) there are three large balance tanks being built as well as numerous road and river crossings.

More and more pipe laying crews on each of the projects are now being mobilised as environmental approvals, land and design becomes available. This will further expedite the laying of pipes.