

Question on Notice

No. 1100

Asked on 9 August 2007

MR WELLINGTON asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (MS BLIGH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to properties acquired by the Government for the proposed Traveston Dam—

- (1) What strategies are in place to ensure that any vacant houses recently acquired by the Government, as a result of the proposed dam, are available for rental?
- (2) What strategies are in place to ensure that until final approval is received for the construction of the dam that no land purchased is used for a land use that does not comply with current land use requirements?

ANSWER

- (1) Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) has been acquiring land for the proposed Traverston Crossing Dam. QWI utilises up to five Real Estate Agents in the region to manage acquired properties. All properties are being let in the standard letting process. Current occupancy rates for properties purchased by QWI are at 96%.
- (2) QWI leases require lessees to abide by Local and State Government regulations and laws, including land use requirements. Acquired properties are largely being used for the same purpose as prior to purchase, and compatible with current land use planning requirements. This is unlikely to change prior to commencement of the construction stage of the project.