Question on Notice

No. 194

Asked on 21 February 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent decision of the State Government to include treated recycled sewage water into the Wivenhoe Dam through the Western Corridor Recycled Water Pipeline—

- (1) What is the estimated evaporation rate from entry into the Wivenhoe Dam to Mount Crosby Weir?
- (2) What is the estimated loss through soakage and other uses from entry into the Wivenhoe Dam to Mount Crosby Weir?

ANSWER:

In answer to both parts of the question, approximately 3% of the purified recycled water entering Wivenhoe Dam may be lost to evaporation and seepage by the time it is extracted from Mount Crosby Weir.

It should be pointed out that the evaporation loss is similar to the current situation that occurs today.

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