

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 250

asked on Thursday, 22 February 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the western recycled water plant under which it is proposed that the current Wivenhoe pipeline to Tarong Power station is to carry recycled water and a smaller water pipeline from Wivenhoe to Toogooloowah is to be laid to connect them with a fresh water supply and another pipeline connection from Boondoomba Dam which currently supplies Tarong Power station with water will need to be connected to supply Blackbutt with fresh water—

- (1) Have these two pipelines been commenced, what route will be taken, has extra land had to be acquired and what is the time line for these supplies to come on line to both towns?
- (2) Taking into consideration the rapid decline of water in Boondoomba and Tarong Energy's needs, what is currently available and will there be sufficient water for Blackbutt residents' usage?

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.