

Question on Notice

No. 597

Asked on 18 April 2007

MR SEENEY asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (MS BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's announcement on 26 July 2006 of the creation of a Clean Coal Technology board whose membership included the former Coordinator-General Ross Rolfe and the current Water Commissioner Elizabeth Nosworthy and as the functions of the board were specific and seven months have transpired –

Will she table the clean coal business plan and management strategy developed by the board and will she detail the facilities and corresponding funding strategies the board have identified that need to be constructed as well as the timelines for construction?

ANSWER:

Following its establishment the Clean Coal Technology Project Board has focused on achieving a strategic understanding of the opportunities and challenges for Clean Coal Technology in Queensland.

The Board has invited, and received, presentations from each of the proponents of clean coal projects in Queensland, including CS Energy's Oxy-fuel Project, the Fairview Power Project and the ZeroGen Project at Stanwell. These presentations will be used to detail the business plan and management strategy going forward.

Following a meeting with industry leaders on 17 May 2007, the Premier announced the industry's pledge to raise \$600 million over the next ten years to fund clean coal initiatives. Agreement has also been reached for the establishment of a Clean Coal Council with equal representation from the State Government and industry, in addition to technical experts.

Clean Coal Technology is receiving strong focus from the energy sector and regulatory authorities, and further research and demonstration projects will be considered on a case by case basis.