

Question on Notice

No. 631

Asked on 19 April 2007

DR FLEGG asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (MS BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the world-wide shortage of pumps for major water installations and the expected delays in delivering them –

1. When will the pumps for our urgent water projects be delivered (listed by individual project)?
2. What processes have been followed in ordering pumps?
3. What advice has she received in relation to their availability?
4. What countries and companies of origin are providing pumps for our vital water installations?

ANSWER:

Generally, pump sets are engineered to meet specific requirements that are unique to a project rather than being purchased as an off-the-shelf item. Given the specialised nature of pump sets they are classed as long lead items which require orders to be placed in advance of their anticipated delivery – this has occurred on water grid projects.

1. Details of the delivery of major pump sets for key water grid projects are provided in Attachment 1.
2. The procurement of pump sets has followed a competitive process for all projects including either an Expression of Interest or Invitation to Tender followed by a detailed tender evaluation.
3. I have been advised procurement of pump sets is being managed in accordance with project timeframes and delivery of the requisite pump sets is on schedule, no delays have occurred, nor are any delays impacting on project timeframes anticipated.
4. Manufacture of pump sets is a highly specialised task which includes pump design as well as delivery of the associated electric motor by a specialist supplier. Companies supplying pump sets and details of the origin of manufacture (of pump and motor) which have been ordered for the various water projects are set out in Attachment 1.

Location	Delivery Due	Supplier	Country of origin	
			<i>Pump</i>	<i>Motor</i>
WCRWP Stage 1A				
Goodna Pump Station	June 2007	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Bundamba AWTP Stage 1A	June 2007	KBR Group	Australia	Taiwan
Bundamba-Swanbank Pump Station	Delivered in May	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
WCRWP Stage 1B				
Oxley Pump Station	March 2008	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Wacol Pump Station	March 2008	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Bunbamba-Caboonbah Pump Station	December 2007	ABS Group	Sweden	China
Lowood Booster Pump Station	December 2007	ABS Group	Sweden	China
WCRWP Stage 2				
Luggage Point Pump Station	October 2008	To be confirmed (potential suppliers – KSB, ABS, ITT Flyght, Southern Cross)	Europe or Australia	Europe or Australia
Gibson Island Pump Station	October 2008	To be confirmed (potential suppliers – KSB, Ajaz, Weir, Gould, Sulzer)	Europe or USA	Europe or USA
SRWP				
Bundamba Pump Station	July 2007	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Swanbank Pump Station	July 2007	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Chambers Flat Pump Station	March 2008	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Coomera Pump Station	March 2008	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Molendinar Pump Station	March 2008	KBR Group	Germany	Taiwan
Gold Coast Desalination				
Desalination plant	Progressive delivery between January & March 2008	Torishima Pump Manufacturing Co	Japan	United Kingdom
Tarrant Drive Pump Station	February 2008	Torishima Pump Manufacturing Co	Japan	United Kingdom