

Question on Notice

No. 637

Asked on 19 April 2007

MR GIBSON asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs Inquiry into water supplies for South East Queensland – Traveston Dam:

1. Will she provide a list of the hydrological studies or models that were used to compare the smaller dam options to the Traveston Crossing Dam for her submission?
2. What is the unit cost for the water produced from the Traveston Crossing Dam mentioned in her submission and the unit cost for the water produced from the Traveston Crossing Dam that has been announced?
3. Will she provide an itemised breakdown of the costs included in her submission for the Traveston Dam Stage 1 and 2 reported separately for:
 - a. Construction costs;
 - b. Pumping costs;
 - c. Pipeline costs;
 - d. Relocation of all infrastructure; and
 - e. Other costs related to the project?

ANSWER:

1. The hydrological studies and models are:
 - Gilbert & Associates Report “Critique and Assessment of Selected Hydrological Aspects of a Report entitled ‘Review of Water Supply-Demand Options for South East Queensland’ produced by the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology in Sydney and Cardno Consultants Brisbane”;
 - Water for South East Queensland – A Long Term Solution; and
 - Environmental Assessment of Logan/Albert and Mary Catchment Development Scenarios.

The latter two reports were informed by data provided by the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

2. There is no identification of unit cost for water produced from the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam in the Queensland Government’s submission to the Senate Inquiry into water supplies for South East Queensland – Traveston Dam, nor have I made any statements giving unit cost for water from the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.
3. A detailed breakdown of costs for \$1.7 billion Traveston Crossing Dam Stage 1 will be provided as part of the Environmental Impact Statement. This cost breakdown will be reflective of the most up to date information developed for the Environmental Impact Statement.

The overall cost of the Dam at Stage 2 (including Stage 1 and the raising of Borumba) is between \$2-\$2.5 billion, as outlined in the publicly available “Water for South East Queensland – a Long Term Solution” report.