

Question on Notice
No. 1669
Asked on 11 November 2008

MR GIBSON asked the Premier (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

- (1) How much has the government and Queensland Water Infrastructure expended on security related measures for activities and assets relating to the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam since April 2006?
- (2) How many security breaches have occurred to justify the expenditure on security-related measures?

ANSWER:

As the proponent for Traveston Crossing Dam, Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) has an obligation to ensure the safety of workers employed on the project as required under the Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995. QWI also has a responsibility to ensure appropriate security for equipment and properties.

Since October 2006, QWI has spent \$1.35 Million on security to ensure public and staff safety during public events, such as information days; on security for large drill rigs and other valuable machinery used in geotechnical investigations; and on security for rental and vacant properties.

In addition to security breaches such as graffiti, minor vandalism and stolen equipment, there have been a range of security threats made in publicly accessible material, including threats of damage to equipment and disruption of site activities. Given these threats, the expenditure on adequate security measures to protect staff, equipment, and property is reasonable and appropriate.