QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 12 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

Why has a Victorian company (Psi-Delta) and not a Queensland company been engaged to conduct a survey of rural water users in the Wide Bay Burnett regional water supply region?

ANSWER:

Psi-Delta Proprietary Limited (Psi-Delta) has been engaged by the Department of Natural Resources and Water to carry out a rural water demand study for the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy.

My Department advises me there are very few recent rural water demand studies done in Queensland by other consultants. Psi Delta's extensive experience and their familiarity of the Wide Bay region through previous recent work eminently qualifies them to undertake this study.

The study project team of Psi-Delta includes employees of a Brisbane based engineering firm Bligh Tanner Proprietary Limited.

This work requires specific skills and understanding of the demands of the rural industry over the next 50 years. Psi Delta has extensive experience in the area of rural water demand studies from their previous work in Queensland. They have employed a successful methodology to provide the outcomes required, possess the necessary background information and will undertake effective liaison with key industry stakeholders in that region. Psi-Delta's experience includes water demand assessments carried out in the Burnett region for Paradise Dam and Kirar Weir, and recycled water in South East Queensland.