

## **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 378**

**Asked on Wednesday, 12 March 2008**

Miss Simpson asked the Chair, Public Works Committee (Ms Stone)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to concerns about escalating costs of the Western Corridor Recycled Water Pipeline, which has risen from an estimated \$1.7b to the current estimate of \$2.393b —

Is the Public Works Committee inquiring into this project and, if not, will it do so?

### **ANSWER:**

The committee's current inquiries are into the state-wide \$290 million prep School Year Capital Works Program and the \$142.5 million Townsville Correctional Centre project.

The committee is responsible for scrutinising the Government's capital works program. Capital outlays in 2007-08 were estimated to be \$14.029 billion.

The committee tries to review projects from as wide a selection of departments and other constructing authorities as is practicable, in a variety of locations throughout Queensland, of differing cost and scale and at various stages of implementation.

In recent years the committee has inquired into, among many others, the Tugun Bypass Project on the Gold Coast, The Sir David Longland Correctional Centre project; the redevelopment of the Weipa Hospital Precinct, a Queensland Rail Coal Electric Locomotive Upgrade Project, the construction of a new government office building in Brisbane, and the Cooloola Sunshine Institute of TAFE redevelopment on the Sunshine Coast.

The subject of future inquiries is a matter for the committee as a whole