

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1484**  
**Asked on 8 October 2009**

MR FOLEY asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

How will the government comply with the 1,200 conditions put forward for the approval of the Traveston Crossing Dam when the Paradise Dam court case has shown a failure to comply with six approval conditions and how much extra will the 1,200 conditions cost the taxpayer?

ANSWER:

I refer the Honourable Member to the Coordinator-General's Evaluation Report, which is publicly available on the website of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, and specifically to Condition 12 in Schedule C, Appendix 1, which deals with the environmental management plan for the design, construction and operation phases of this project.

In reviewing this condition it is clear that the proponent of the project, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd, must develop this plan by incorporating all of the conditions within Schedule C, as well as identifying the recording and reporting mechanisms that will demonstrate compliance with each condition.

For example, for the pre-construction and construction phases of the project, compliance auditing against these conditions must be undertaken six-monthly by an independent and appropriately qualified person.

During operations, six-monthly audits will be required for the first two years of operations, and annually thereafter. Where there are incidents or exceedences, an interim report is required within two days of the incident, exceedence, or non compliance, with details to be provided of the incident and initial response.

Within 14 days, a full report must be provided on how the matter is to be dealt with under the Project Environment Management Plan, detailing what corrective action is being taken, responsibility for the action, and timing for implementation of any remediation action.

In regard to the inferences made by the Honourable Member to compliance with conditions associated with the Paradise Dam, as the Honourable Member would be aware, this matter is before the courts and no findings have been made. As such it is not appropriate that I comment on the matter.

The forecast cost of the Traveston Crossing Dam Project is \$1.8 billion (\$2009) and, subject to any additional conditions that may be imposed by the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, initial advice is that the Traveston Crossing Dam Project can be delivered within this budget.