

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 28

asked on Wednesday, 16 February 2011

MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the centre referred to in Section 2.2 on Page 7 of the Manual of Operational Procedures for Flood Mitigation at Wivenhoe Dam—

- (1) How many people staffed the centre from 7 to 10 January 2011?
- (2) What meetings did they attend during this period, what decisions were taken and which of those decisions were communicated to the Minister or the chief executive of the department?

ANSWER:

- (1) The Flood Operations Centre was staffed 24 hours a day between 7 to 10 January 2011, and involved four Duty Flood Operations Engineers and nine Flood officers.
- (2) The Flood Operations Centre liaised with a range of organisations over this period including relevant local councils and the Bureau of Meteorology. The Dam Safety Regulator, as the delegate of the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, was also provided with advice by Flood Operations Centre staff over this period.