

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 618

asked on Tuesday, 10 May 2011

MR DICKSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (MR ROBERTSON) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the exact cost of the damage to the hydro electric plant at Somerset Dam which was flooded during January and advise whether the plant will be repaired and when?

ANSWER:

The January flood event saw the plant inundated to such a level that all electrical and mechanical equipment was submerged for approximately two days.

An independent condition assessment of the Hydro Electric Plant at Somerset was carried out in February 2011. The condition assessment placed flood damage to the hydro and its access road at between \$3.7 million and \$6.8 million.

Currently, work is being undertaken to identify and analyse the options for the future.