

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 696

asked on Thursday, 12 May 2011

MRS PRATT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Mr Rod Reilly who spoke with Director-General John Bradley at the Toowoomba and Oakey Community Cabinet Meeting held on 13 and 14 March 2011 at which letters were handed over addressed to the Minister concerning matters relating to Cubbie and Mobandilla stations—

When will Mr Reilly's letters be responded to and the issues raised resolved?

ANSWER:

I am aware of the issues that Mr Reilly has with the Department of Environment and Resource Management in relation to past water dealings at his former 'Tandawanna North' property.

I understand that the matter has been the subject of considerable review and the original decisions have been confirmed as appropriate in multiple review processes.

Similarly, in relation to water allocations granted for Tandawanna North, these were considered by the independent referral panel process. The Chief Executive of the department at the time made a final decision on the water allocations, taking the referral panel's advice into account.

I'm advised that Mr Reilly did not provide correspondence for response during that discussion. In fact, he was informed of the appropriate avenues for any outstanding concerns in relation to Departmental conduct and encouraged to provide any relevant material to relevant authorities.