

**Question on Notice**

**No. 813**

**Asked on 19 November 2013**

**MR PITT ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR NICHOLLS)—**

**QUESTION:**

Will the Treasurer advise how much money has been allocated and spent to date on hiring (a) Macquarie to engage in a scoping study of Sunwater and (b) Rothschild to engage in a scoping study of Powerlink (listed separately)?

**ANSWER:**

The appointment of commercial advisors is consistent with the Government's response to the Commission of Audit final report, and shows the Government is committed to receiving independent, expert advice on options that can assist to repair the State's finances and regain the State's AAA credit rating, and pay down Labor's \$80 billion in debt.

Specific details of the consultancy arrangements are Cabinet-in-confidence.