

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1047**  
**Asked on 15 October 2015**

Mr Weir asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

Will the Premier advise if a committee has been formed to address the ground water contamination investigations at the Army Aviation Centre Oakey comprising of the departments for Health, Agriculture and Fisheries and Natural Resources and Mines?

ANSWER:

The Federal Government, specifically the Department of Defence, is responsible for the Army Aviation Centre Oakey and the very serious contamination issues that have been identified.

The Department of Defence is undertaking a long-term environmental investigation and assessment of the groundwater beneath the AACO base and surrounds. The information collected will assist the Department of Defence to understand the groundwater impacts and contribute to developing appropriate management strategies in relation to any potential human health and ecological risks.

The Queensland Government is working to assist the Department of Defence in fulfilling its important obligations. In order to provide a single point of contact and to facilitate this engagement an interdepartmental committee has been formed, chaired by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and comprising representatives from Queensland Health, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

I encourage the Member for Condamine to seek further information from the Federal Government.