

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 549

asked on 14 July 2015

MS LEAHY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS, ROAD SAFETY AND PORTS AND MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

For each property or facility administered by the Department of Energy and Water Supply will the Minister provide (a) the value of scheduled maintenance works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken, and (b) the value of scheduled capital works for 2015-16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government believes that in a decentralised State like Queensland, Government building projects help deliver employment when and where it is most needed.

The 2015-16 State Budget, released on 14 July 2015 by the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, includes an estimated \$10.1 billion spend on infrastructure across Queensland this financial year, supporting an estimated 27,500 direct jobs.

As the Treasurer outlined in his budget speech, this year's capital works budget is higher by nearly \$400 million, compared to the estimated actual spend last year.

Key capital and maintenance works planned within the Department of Energy and Water Supply for 2015-16 include:-

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The following outlines the value of scheduled maintenance and capital works to be undertaken in 2015-16 for the non-commercial assets administered by the department:

- Maintenance work at Charles Lloyd Jones Weir of \$1.6 million. \$1 million for Glen Niven Dam for works required to increase spillway capacity
- \$500,000 for Mary River Levees for condition assessment and future management strategies.
- \$443,000 on Munungo Wier for repairs
- \$78,000 for general repairs for the non-commercial assets.
- \$1 million for Jumna dam for a \$2 million project over two years to upgrade dam to current engineering standards.

- \$490,000 capital works expenditure for Copperfield Dam to replace a steel inlet tower.
- \$200,000 for upgrading the road infrastructure forming part of the Bajool Weir.
- \$360,000 for general capital works for the non-commercial assets.

In addition to the assets administered by the Department, the Energy and Water statutory bodies and government owned corporations oversee a program of capital expenditure as reported in Table 1.1 of the Budget Paper 3 Capital Statement for 2015-16 including capital purchases of:

- \$325 million for Energy Generation Sector (CS Energy Ltd and Stanwell Corporation Ltd)
- \$1.901 billion for Energy Transmission and Distribution (Energex Ltd, Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd and Powerlink Queensland)
- \$195.1 million for Water Distribution and Supply (Sunwater Ltd, SEQWATER, Gladstone Area Water Board and the Mount Isa Water Board)

For more details relating to these and other planned works, I refer the Honourable Member to the publicly available 2015-16 State Budget Papers, in particular Budget Paper No.3 Capital Statement Section 3 Capital outlays by entity.

While I do not believe that it would be practicable, nor would it be reasonable, to divert the resources of my department to outline every single individual work in this answer as requested in the Member's question, if the Member has a specific question about work at a specific facility then I would be more than happy to seek the information.