

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 631

asked on 25 May 2021

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**MRS D FRECKLINGTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Rookwood Weir construction—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many landowners have received compensation for acquired land, (b) how many landowners are awaiting compensation for acquired land, and (c) for those landowners that haven't yet received compensation, what is the timeframe for payment?

ANSWER:

Sunwater referred four parcels of land to the Coordinator General for acquisition in 2020. The Office of the Coordinator General confirms that it has paid compensation to one landholder and reached agreement, pending execution of formal documentation, with one other.

In regard to the remaining two landholders, I am advised that negotiations are as follows:

- one landholder has been provided a compensation offer which has been rejected and negotiations are continuing; and
- one landholder is seeking an independent valuation before lodging a claim for compensation and offers being made.

The Office of the Coordinator-General continues to proactively engage with the landholders, or their legal representatives, to work toward settlement.

Payment to affected landholders is made promptly upon agreement being reached and documents being executed. The Office of the Coordinator-General and Sunwater work with affected landowners, ensuring advice and independent valuations are obtained, with a view to settling compensation arrangements reasonably and in a timely manner, having regard to all the facts and circumstances of each particular case.