

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 766

asked on 16 August 2022

MR B HEAD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to water allocations— Will the Minister (a) advise the number of allocations being transferred from a hectare/pumping size licence across to a volumetric, metered licence, (reported separately by year from 2015 to present), (b) confirm the number of total allocations and (c) advise how many allocations have received more than the minimum of 6 megalitres per hectare?

ANSWER:

The Department of Regional Development Manufacturing and Water currently administers more than 39,500 volumetric and area-based entitlements across Queensland allowing the take of approximately 7.9 million megalitres of water per year directly from Queensland's rivers and groundwater aquifers.

Queensland's 23 water plans are developed to sustainably manage and allocate the state's water resources based on science and are developed and reviewed in close consultation with the community.

The conversion rates for defining water entitlements through the water planning process varies between water plans based on environmental, hydrologic and social, economic and cultural assessments.

With the significant number of entitlements and water plans across Queensland, the amount of work required to respond in detail to the question is onerous, excessive and would detract from program delivery and best use of the Department's resources.

Should the honourable member have a specific water plan or water scheme query in mind, I encourage the member to raise that, in order for me to address the matter directly.