

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1492

asked on 16 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Paradise Dam Improvement or Reconstruction Project—

Will the Minister advise (a) current full budgeted expenditure of the completed project, (b) current budgeted spend this financial year, (c) works expected to be completed by the end of the financial year, (d) all timelines and milestone in the Gantt Chart or similar project management timeline, including the expected completion date and (e) whether major construction works at the dam are still due to commence in 2024 as committed to previously (refer to Question on Notice No. 81 of 2022)?

ANSWER:

The Paradise Dam project is a significant and complex project. The Queensland and Australian Governments have committed \$600 million each to the project, which will deliver long-term water security for the Bundaberg region, support economic development in the region and keep communities located downstream safe.

The current budgeted spend for the project for the 2023-24 financial year is \$116.4 million as outlined in Budget Paper 3.

This funding is supporting work on continuing design development, environmental assessment and approvals, procurement and award of construction partners, construction planning, development of a Target Outturn Cost, early works activities, local road upgrades to support material deliveries to site, planning for a construction accommodation village, quarry investigations, concrete mix design trials, preparatory works on site, and development of detailed construction methods.

Construction methodologies, milestones and timelines will be identified during the development of a project schedule with the selected construction partner once they have been appointed. Sunwater anticipate appointing a construction partner shortly and will provide an update to the community in early 2024.