

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 321**  
**Asked on Thursday, 21 March 2024**

**MRS D FRECKLINGTON** ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister detail the total costs spent to date on the Proposed Pioneer Burdekin Pumped Hydro proposal, including land resumption costs reported separately?

**ANSWER**

I am advised that as of 29 February 2024, Queensland Hydro has invested \$111.3 million in advancing the proposed Pioneer-Burdekin project.

Queensland Hydro's primary focus is on establishing access to land for technical investigations and studies at the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro Project site. Investigation activity does not require acquisition of land. Instead, Queensland Hydro is entering into access agreements with relevant landholders to support investigation activity.

The Queensland Government acknowledges the highly sensitive nature of land acquisition and Queensland Hydro recognises that the project is causing a level of uncertainty and concern for some landowners. Queensland Hydro has only entered early land acquisition conversations with landowners when requested by those landholders.

In response to the Member's question, I can advise the following:

- a) In consideration of individual land holders right to privacy in relation to their negotiations with the State, release of this information has the potential to allow for the identification of members of the community who would otherwise have the right to expect both peaceful enjoyment of the property following their decision, and that their negotiation remain confidential. It would therefore be inconsistent with those rights and arrangements entered into, to release this data.
- b) Acquisition values are a private, confidential matter between landholders and Queensland Hydro and release of this data would compromise that confidentiality.
- c) The total number of properties to be acquired for the project will be dependent on the final project design, which is currently under development.