

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

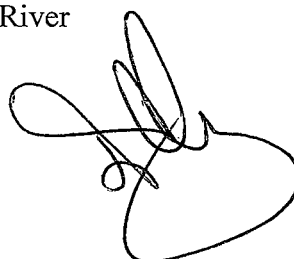
Wednesday, 16 August 2017

146. Hon Robbin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water

- 1) I refer to water licence applications in the Kimberley, and ask:
- (a) how many applications are currently being assessed by the Department of Water;
 - (b) for each application, will the Minister detail the area and volume, and whether they are for surface or groundwater;
 - (c) if no to (b), why not;
 - (d) how much water is currently licenced to be used in the Kimberley;
 - (e) how much water is being removed from the Fitzroy River and any other rivers or wetlands in the Kimberley;
 - (f) have any water licence applications in the Kimberley been rejected in the past four years;
 - (g) if yes to (f), will the Minister list the rejected applications along with the amount of water sought and the reasons for the rejection; and
 - (h) if no to (g), why not?
- (2) I refer to water licence applications for the Fitzroy River, and ask:
- (a) how many applications are currently being assessed by the Department of Water;
 - (b) what is the volume for each application;
 - (c) what are the locations for the applications; and
 - (d) what is the proposed method of extraction?

Answer

- (1) (a) 40
(b) The Minister is not able to detail the land area however the volume applied for surface and groundwater are detailed [See attached paper no.].
(c) The land areas are not provided because it is not a regulated variable on a water licence.
(d) 377 214 689 kilolitres per year
(e) 334 491 910 kilolitres per year which includes 308 241 910 kilolitres from the main Ord River.
(f) No
(g) Not applicable
(h) Not applicable
- (2) (a) One
(b) 50 gigalitres per year
(c) Margaret River, tributary of the Fitzroy River
(d) Channel surface water offtake



(1)(b)

Groundwater Applications	
Application Type	Volume applied for (kilolitres/year)
Amendment	1 141 800
New	10 000
Amendment	1 500 000
New	1 000 000
New	200 000
Amendment	2 100 000
New	2 700 000
Renewal	2 000 000
Amendment	14 504 000
New	13 000 000
New	3 000 000
Amendment	5 000 000
New	6 000 000
New	22 000 000
New	3 000
New	13 000 000
New	3 000
New	10 000 000
New	2 700 000
New	40 000
Amendment	380 000
Amendment	40 000
New	30 000
New	250 000
Amendment	1 500 000
New	284
Amendment	2 500 000
Amendment	800 000
Surface Water Applications	
Application Type	Volume applied for (kilolitres/year)
Renewal	47 000 000
New	4 000
New	2 000
New	8 000 000
New	480 000
New	50 000 000
New	73 000
Department Amendment	13 360
Department	55 000

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Amendment	
Department Amendment	37 000
Department Amendment	112 000
Department Amendment	30 500