

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Wednesday, 9 April 2014

1065. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water.

Regarding plans for developing the water resources of Western Australia, including but not limited to the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest and Gascoyne and Southwest, I ask:

- (a) how many meetings has the Minister had with members of the Federal Government's Dams Ministerial Task Group headed by the Federal Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP:
- (i) when and where were these meetings held;
 - (ii) who attended the meetings as representatives of the Federal Government, and who as representatives of the State Government;
 - (iii) which water resources were discussed;
 - (iv) which water resources is the Minister considering making available for development and what is the nature of the development; and
 - (v) has any assessment been made of the long-term sustainability of any proposed development:
- (A) if no to (v), why not?
(B) if yes to (v) what are the findings?

Answer

- (a) One
- (i) Tuesday, 1 April 2014, Parliament House, Western Australia
 - (ii) Hon Barnaby Joyce, Federal Minister for Agriculture and ministerial staff support and Hon Mia Davies, Minister for Water; Forestry and ministerial staff support.
 - (iii) General discussion Ord River Irrigation Scheme expansion-Lake Argyle spillway potential, Wellington Reservoir potential, Gascoyne Foodbowl.
 - (iv) Lake Argyle spillway project to increase storage, Wellington Reservoir salinity amelioration options project, Gascoyne Foodbowl main irrigation pipeline replacement project.
 - (v) Ongoing consideration of the projects; Lake Argyle spillway pre-feasibility; Wellington Reservoir options; Gascoyne Foodbowl pipeline replacement program.
- (A) Not applicable
(B) Not applicable

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