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(Paper No. 786)

* 9254 LANDS AND WATER—WARRAGAMBA DAM SPILLAGE—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth representing the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) For each of the following flooding events, how many gigalitres of water spilled over the Warragamba Dam wall?
 - (a) March 2021?
 - (b) March 2022?
 - (c) July 2022?

Answer—

- (1) Warragamba Dam recorded the following cumulative outflows for these events:
 - (a) March 2021 – approx. 1,200 gigalitres.
 - (b) March 2022 – approx. 1,480 gigalitres.
 - (c) July 2022 – approx. 1,140 gigalitres (noting this is based on discharge to 25 July, as the event is ongoing with dam yet to return to full supply level).

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(Paper No. 793)

* 9300 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSGRID—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm:
 - (a) Is TransGrid budgeting for any compulsory acquisitions of land for the construction of HumeLink?
 - (i) If so, what is the budget?
 - (b) How much of the line will be composed of these compulsory acquisitions?
 - (c) What is the projected maximum realistic percentage of the line that will be composed of these compulsory acquisitions?
- (2) Can the Minister explain:
 - (a) What is an acceptable level of compulsory acquisitions for the construction of HumeLink?
 - (b) On what basis is the figure in question (2)(a) determined?
- (3) Has TransGrid had, or does Transgrid plan to have, any discussions with the Valuer General with respect to the fair compensation of any compulsory acquisitions?
 - (a) If so, what determinations, if any, have been made with respect to these discussions?
 - (b) What are the processes involved in determining the final value under which compulsory acquisitions are to be made in light of the fact that the figures determined by independent valuers can differ significantly from those determined by the Valuer General?
- (4) In light of the fact that a final route selection and the number and location of towers will be refined during the detailed design phase once contractors are engaged, how will this likely impact on the estimate in question (1)(c)?
- (5) Given that TransGrid has not budgeted for the extension of the two-year term for option agreements held by landowners:

- (a) Does this mean that TransGrid is confident that these options will be exercised in that two-year period?
- (b) On what basis is TransGrid confident that the options will indeed be exercised in this period?
- (c) If the options are not exercised and need to be extended, what is the maximum total financial liability on part of TransGrid for the necessary additional option payment to the relevant landowners so that the options remain live?
- (d) Is this two-year period sufficient time to allow any appeals concerning compulsory acquisitions to be finalised, thus allowing all necessary land to be acquired before commencing construction?
- (e) What will be the impact of appeals from compulsory acquisition on the validity and utility of the option agreements in their present form?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Energy.

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9353 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KOTARA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has Kotara South Public School received complaints from parents about the political nature of its Ethics classes?
- (2) Why do volunteers teach these classes rather than trained teachers?
- (3) What action has the Minister taken to ensure that Ethics classes in schools are politically neutral, and devoid of contentious political content taught to children?

9354 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—MUDGEES PUBLIC SCHOOL YEAR 1 MATERIAL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has Mudgees Public School distributed colouring-in material to Year 1 students accusing Australia of genocide, stolen wages and other crimes against Aborigines?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) At what age does the Department of Education provide school children with material of this fashion?
 - (a) Is it age appropriate to provide six-year-old children with such material?
- (3) Why has the Minister failed in her December 2019 promise to keep political propaganda like this out of New South Wales schools?

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