

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1058

asked on Tuesday, 4 September 2018

MR M BERKMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Adani's water licence (Reference 617268) to take 12,500 megalitres from the Suttor River—

Will the Minister advise (a) whether Adani paid the balance of total purchase price (\$18,540,576) before the due date of 1 July 2018, (b) if so, when the balance was paid, (c) whether the government granted Adani an extension and (d) if so, on what grounds was it given and when does it expire?

ANSWER:

- (a) The balance of the total purchase price—\$18,540,576—is due for payment on 1 July 2019.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) On 6 June 2018, the chief executive's delegate approved a water licence dealing to amend the definition of *due date* as contained in the conditions of water licence 617268 from 1 July 2018 to 1 July 2019.

Several legal challenges have contributed towards project time table delays. It would not have been appropriate for the project to progress and take this water while these particular challenges were underway. As a result, the Department decided it was appropriate to amend this definition.

- (d) The water licence dealing was amended under section 131 of the *Water Act 2000*, and is still conditioned to ensure that no water may be taken until the balance of the purchase price has been received by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.