

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 604

asked on Wednesday, 17 June 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the construction of Rookwood Weir—

Will the Minister advise (a) since there is no budget, what funding has been allocated to the project in 2020-21, (b) what the total capacity of the weir will be once it is completed, (c) whether construction contracts for the weir have been issued and (d) on what date the weir is scheduled for completion?

ANSWER:

- (a) For the 2020–21 financial year, the Rookwood Weir Project has a funding allocation of \$115 million (excluding GST) which assumes contributions will be forthcoming from the Australian Government.
- (b) The weir's storage capacity at full supply level will be approximately 65,400 megalitres. In terms of the water available to be accessed from the weir, often referred to as yield, the volume ranges from 76,000 megalitres if described as medium priority or 50,000 megalitres if described as high priority. A water planning process commenced in April 2020 to seek stakeholder and market feedback on getting the right mix of high and medium-priority volumes that best support the agriculture sector—thereby maximising the opportunities for economic development from the weir.
- (c) As at 15 July 2020, the construction contract is imminent.
- (d) The scheduled date for completion of the weir construction is mid-2023, weather permitting.