

SOUTHERN FORESTS IRRIGATION SCHEME

1166. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 1106 that did not specifically answer parts (2) and (3). I ask again about the 28 July meeting with Donnelly River farmers and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the answers to those questions were provided by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation but were withheld by ministerial instruction?
- (2) Why has it taken the minister's office almost three months to provide answers to these questions?
- (3) In relation to the minister's reference to "coming weeks", does that mean the coming weeks of 2020, 2021 or beyond?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The information provided to me by the Minister for Water is as follows.

- (1)–(3) Answers to the questions asked on 28 July are still in preparation. A response to these questions will be provided in the coming weeks of 2020.