

SOUTHERN FORESTS IRRIGATION SCHEME

**1106. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Water:**

My question is about the Donnelly River meeting for the southern forests irrigation scheme. I refer to question without notice 1087, asked yesterday.

- (1) Does the minister expect that she will be able to provide answers to the questions asked on 28 July?
- (2) 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?
- (3) Why has it taken the minister's office almost three months to provide answers to these questions?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. I just need to explain to the member that he is asking this of me in a representative capacity, so the answers that were given before were effectively answers from the Minister for Water's office, not from my office. My office is not preparing any answers from DWER. That is just to put that beyond doubt for the member, because I note that he said "she", and the Minister for Water is actually a male person.

The following information has been provided by the Minister for Water.

- (1)–(3) A response to questions asked on 28 July will be provided in the coming weeks.