

MINISTER FOR WATER — MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL MINISTER

1065. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

Regarding plans for developing the water resources of Western Australia, including but not limited to the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest and Gascoyne and Southwest, I ask:

How many meetings has the Minister had with members of the Federal Government's Dams Ministerial Task Group headed by the Federal Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP:

- (i) when and where were these meetings held;
- (ii) who attended the meetings as representatives of the Federal Government, and who as representatives of the State Government;
- (iii) which water resources were discussed;
- (iv) which water resources is the Minister considering making available for development and what is the nature of the development; and
- (v) has any assessment been made of the long-term sustainability of any proposed development:
  - (a) if no to (v), why not; and
  - (b) if yes to (v) what are the findings?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

One.

- (i) Tuesday, 1 April 2014, Parliament House, Western Australia
- (ii) Hon Barnaby Joyce, Federal Minister for Agriculture and ministerial staff support and Hon Mia Davies, Minister for Water; Forestry and ministerial staff support.
- (iii) General discussion Ord River Irrigation Scheme expansion-Lake Argyle spillway potential, Wellington Reservoir potential, Gascoyne Foodbowl.
- (iv) Lake Argyle spillway project to increase storage, Wellington Reservoir salinity amelioration options project, Gascoyne Foodbowl main irrigation pipeline replacement project.
- (v) Ongoing consideration of the projects; Lake Argyle spillway pre-feasibility; Wellington Reservoir options; Gascoyne Foodbowl pipeline replacement program.
  - (a) Not applicable
  - (b) Not applicable