

GASCOYNE WATER CO-OPERATIVE, CARNARVON

**673. Hon KEN BASTON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources:**

I refer to the transfer of water assets to the Gascoyne Water Co-operative in Carnarvon.

- (1) Has the telephone survey been completed?
- (2) How long will it be until a result of the survey is given?
- (3) When will the transfer be implemented?
- (4) Who did the survey?
- (5) If in the positive, when will the assets transfer take place?
- (6) What level of positive responses would be considered sufficient by the minister to decide to transfer the assets?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The telephone survey is currently being conducted. The telephone interviews are scheduled to be completed by Tuesday, 27 September 2005. At present, Market Equity Pty Ltd has interviewed in excess of 100 members.
- (2) Analysis of the data should be completed by 5 October 2005.
- (3) If it is decided to implement the transfer, it is likely that the tabling requirements to complete the transfer can be finalised by March 2006.
- (4) Market Equity Pty Ltd on behalf of the Department of Environment.
- (5) Please refer to the answer to (3); that is, March 2006.
- (6) The sufficient level of positive responses will be dependent on the reasons given for support or opposition to the transfer by the members of the cooperative.

I was a bit confused about the answer as well. Given that the question clearly involves some subjectivity, perhaps I can arrange for a briefing for the member on that component.