

ORD RIVER HYDRO ENERGY PROJECT - PACIFIC HYDRO

694. Hon KEN BASTON to the Leader of the house representing the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to the Ord River hydro energy project and the terms of agreement between the Western Australian government and Pacific Hydro Ltd.

- (1) What was the charge, per gigalitre of water supplied, at the commencement of power generation?
- (2) When were these charges to be reviewed?
- (3) Have the charges been varied since the commencement of generation; and, if so, what has been the variation?
- (4) What is the current charge, per gigalitre of water, to the operating company?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Ken Baston for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(4) The terms of agreement are contained in a water supply agreement between the Water Corporation and subsidiaries of Pacific Hydro Ltd. The terms of this agreement are currently the subject of legal proceedings; therefore, it is inappropriate to disclose the information requested. Furthermore, this agreement contains confidentiality provisions that prevent the Water Corporation from disclosing the information that the member has requested without the agreement of both parties.