

MOWANJUM WATER FOR FOOD PROJECT

703. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Mowanjum Water for Food project.

- (1) What is the current status of the project?
- (2) How many local residents of the Mowanjum community have —
 - (a) undertaken training directly linked to the project to date;
 - (b) gained direct employment as a result of the project to date; and
 - (c) have current employment as a direct result of the project?
- (3) What is the value of funds expended to date on the project and how have these funds been spent?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Water, I answer —

- (1) The Mowanjum Irrigation trial is currently being established.
- (2)
 - (a) Nil; refer to part (1).
 - (b) Ten.
 - (c) Five.
- (3) As at 31 May 2015, \$2.266 million has been spent on site preparation, irrigation equipment, production and monitoring bores, groundwater investigations and project management.