

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 664

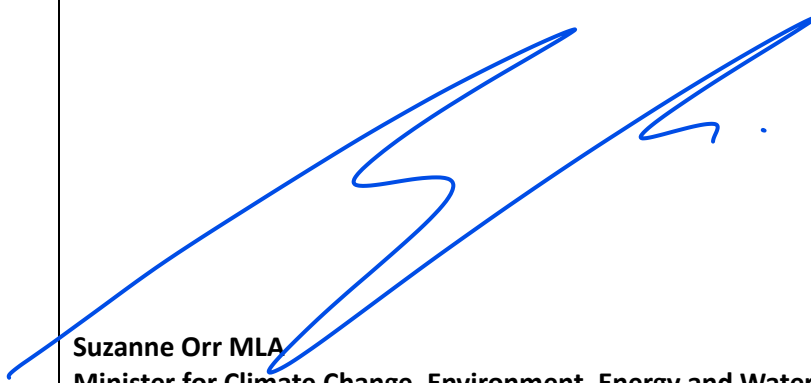
Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

1. Could the Government have charged Netflix fees for the water releases in February 2025, given that materials obtained under freedom of information suggest fees might have been in the order of \$72,000 per day or \$520,000 for the water release; if so, under what instrument.
2. Did the Government receive advice that the fees referred to in part (1) could not be charged.
3. Did the Government choose to waive or vary the fees referred to in part (1) for Netflix; if so, was that decision made under the *Financial Management Act 1996* or under some other instrument and what was the decision-making process.
4. Does Netflix's obligation to remediate as part of the arrangement referred to in part (1) extend to remediation of the site after filming.
5. Has all of the remediation referred to in part (4) occurred, noting reports that, following filming, the site was not cleaned up and restored as it was.

SUZANNE ORR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. No, the Government could not have charged Netflix fees for the water releases in February 2025.
2. Yes, the Government received advice on this matter. Fees and charges under the *Water Resources Act (2007)*, specifically, fees and charges associated with a Water Access Entitlement (WAE) and license to take water cannot be applied retrospectively. A WAE and license would need to have been applied for and issued prior to the release for fees to be applicable. In any case, as the water was released by TCCS from Lake Ginninderra, the entity taking the water was TCCS.
3. No decision was made to waive or vary the fees. Advice indicated there was no avenue to charge Netflix fees as no WAE or license to take water was in effect.
4. The extent of remediation related primarily to Ginninderra creek downstream of Lake Ginninderra, in the ACT. Noting that Ginninderra Falls is not within the ACT, ACT Government does not have authority or responsibility for land management in this area.
5. No remediation was required as no remediation requirements were identified in Ginninderra creek downstream of the Lake Ginninderra in the ACT because of the water releases.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Suzanne Orr MLA

Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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