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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 1
6 December 2024
Question No. 4

MR CAIN MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:

- (1) Does the Government support the draft National Water Agreement proposed by the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) Does the Government support all 173 principles included in the draft National Water Agreement proposed by the Commonwealth Government.
- (3) Is it clear to the Government how it would implement the principles of the draft National Water Agreement.
- (4) What is the cost estimate, to the Government, of implementing the principles of the draft National Water Agreement.
- (5) What consequences has the Government identified will result from the enactment of the draft National Water Agreement, and has the Government identified any potential unintended consequences that have raised concern with the Minister or government officials.
- (6) Has the Minister met and/or corresponded with the Federal Minister for Water regarding the draft National Water Agreement; if so, when did the Minister last meet and/or correspond with the Federal Minister for Water regarding the draft National Water Agreement.
- (7) What negotiations are currently taking place between the ACT and Commonwealth governments regarding the development and implementation of the principles of the draft National Water Agreement.

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

- (1-5) The Draft National Water Agreement was provided by the Commonwealth Government to States and Territories on 29 November 2024 and is currently being considered by the ACT Government.
- (6) I have not met with the Federal Minister for Water regarding the draft National Water Agreement. I received correspondence on 29 November 2024, welcoming me as Minister and providing a copy of the Draft Agreement.
- (7) The ACT Government has been represented at the Water Ministerial Council and related officials groups.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


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