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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 29 August 2022: Mr Geoffrey Rutledge took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: NSW Water Abstraction Charges

MS CLAY: Great. And how much of the water abstraction charge is coming from New South Wales?

Mr Rutledge: I can—we will take on notice the specifics of that. I know Queanbeyan, through their bulk water arrangement, do pay a water extraction charge. So it will be for Queanbeyan residents—

MS CLAY: Great.

Mr Rutledge: But I can take on notice the exact figure for that one.

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

A break down of water abstraction charges coming from New South Wales (NSW) is provided below –

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) is Icon Water's only customer in NSW, and Icon Water pays a Water Abstraction Charge (WAC) to the ACT based on the total volume of water abstracted.

Under the agreement between Icon Water and QPRC there is a component of the fee that relates to the WAC, as outlined below:

- WAC component billed to QPRC in 2021/22 FY was \$2,324,130.90.
- WAC component billed to QPRC in 2020/21 FY was \$1,704,805.83.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:

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Date: 2/9/22

By the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

