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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by James Milligan MLA on Monday 29 August 2022: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

In relation to: Agreements with Clubs for water extraction charges

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Just in terms of water security, and a lot of the sporting clubs and golf courses and the like have invested in their own water measures, invested in dams and other infrastructure. The government had an agreement with these clubs and bodies in terms of water abstraction charge. Just wondering has that agreement ceased? And is there a new agreement being currently worked on with these bodies in terms of utilising water that they have put this infrastructure in to cater for?

Mr Hezkial: I am not across the water extraction charge issue.

Mr Barr: Talk about that and I will see what I can find out on the—

THE CHAIR: Okay.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Government in 2014 introduced the Market Equity Scheme (MES) to replace the Infrastructure Offset Scheme (IOS). However, a transitional period was subsequently implemented to allow golf clubs to claim offsets for infrastructure projects undertaken until the end of 2015, with offsets available until the end of 2020.

The IOS allowed clubs to offset their non-potable Water Abstraction Charge (WAC) obligations against investments into water saving infrastructure projects undertaken within the eligibility period.

The MES provides all golf clubs with a 50 per cent discount on their non-potable WAC obligations.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA