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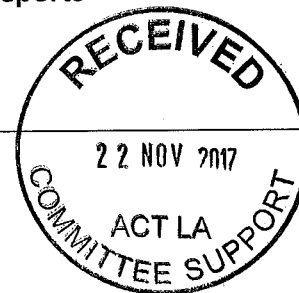
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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Monday, 12 November 2018



Asked by MR COE MLA:

In relation to:

Mr Sachse: And just to clarify that, I think the M2G is in standby mode. We have developed a suspension mode, but there is no intention to move to suspension mode at the moment. It is just—

THE CHAIR: Sorry, that is not what Ms Breaden said.

MR COE: We just heard that it was in suspension mode.

Mr Sachse: Sure and maybe, Jane, do you want to clarify that?

THE CHAIR: Yes, I think we had better clarify that because—

Ms Breaden: I think we will clarify that. Take that on notice.

Mr Hezkial: We will take that one on notice.

THE CHAIR: Sorry, I mean the level of uncertainty and contradiction in the answers that we are getting is a little bit alarming. Because, Ms Breaden, you said that after the two weeks pumping it had gone into suspension mode.

Ms Breaden: I believe—

Mr Sachse: So really it went from operational mode back to standby mode. The water levels at the moment are not sufficiently high enough to actually move it to suspension mode. Yes.

THE CHAIR: Yes, we understand that. Okay.

Mr Hezkial: I think we will take that one on notice to provide some clarity.

THE CHAIR: And also, in that case we have now got three modes. We have talked operational, suspension and standby. Can we actually have a definition of what they are?

Ms Breaden: Yes, we were asked a question about that previously and requested to publish information on the internet answering that and that information is there at the moment, complete with some diagrams which try to articulate how we use the three different modes.

THE CHAIR: Right, okay. So that is on your website?

Ms Breaden: That is on our internet, yes.

THE CHAIR: So it will be easy to provide that to the committee. Yes, thanks.

Treasurer: The following answer to the Member's question has been sought from Icon Water Limited (Icon Water), which operates as an independent corporation:

The Murrumbidgee to Googong Pipeline (M2G) Operation Environmental Management Plan, approved by the Commonwealth, ACT and NSW Government regulators, defines each of the three modes for the M2G.

Depending on the climate conditions, rainfall, river flows and water demand, the M2G can be in one of three modes:

- Suspension: parts of the system may be decommissioned requiring lead time before start up. No water can be transferred.
- Standby: ready to run, all components in place and being operated routinely for maintenance purposes.
- Operating: operating and transferring to increase Googong reservoir storage levels.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA