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Hon Dr Brad Pettitt; Hon Matthew Swinbourn

MINES AND PETROLEUM — WATER CONSUMPTION — PILBARA

1714. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the issue of water consumption in the Pilbara, and I ask:

- (a) for each mine in the Pilbara, by company and location, for 2018, would the Minister please table:
 - (i) the licensed water abstraction amounts, inclusive of mine dewatering;
 - (ii) the licensed aquifer reinjection rates;
 - (iii) the actual extraction rates; and
 - (iv) the actual reinjection rates;
- (b) what is the total water consumption of the Pilbara region, inclusive of mine dewatering but exclusive of aquifer reinjection and residential consumption for 2018;
- (c) for each mine in the Pilbara, by company and location, for 2020, would the Minister please table:
 - (i) the licensed water abstraction amounts, inclusive of mine dewatering;
 - (ii) the licensed aquifer reinjection rates;
 - (iii) the actual extraction rates; and
 - (iv) the actual reinjection rates;
- (d) what is the total water consumption of the Pilbara region, inclusive of mine dewatering but exclusive of aquifer reinjection and residential consumption for 2020;
- (e) for each mine in the Pilbara, by company and location, for 2021, would the Minister please table:
 - (i) the licensed water abstraction amounts, inclusive of mine dewatering;
 - (ii) the licensed aquifer reinjection rates;
 - (iii) the actual extraction rates; and
 - (iv) the actual reinjection rates;
- (f) what is the total water consumption of the Pilbara region, inclusive of mine dewatering but exclusive of aquifer reinjection and residential consumption for 2021;
- (g) for each mine in the Pilbara, by company and location, for 2022, would the Minister please table:
 - (i) the licensed water abstraction amounts, inclusive of mine dewatering;
 - (ii) the licensed aquifer reinjection rates;
 - (iii) the actual extraction rates; and
 - (iv) the actual reinjection rates; and
- (h) what is the total water consumption of the Pilbara region, inclusive of mine dewatering but exclusive of aquifer reinjection and residential consumption for 2022?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

(a)–(h) Refer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 1715.