

EDUCATION — WA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, DENMARK — SCHEME WATER USAGE

4996. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the WA College of Agriculture in Denmark using scheme water for its dairy farm despite having a dam specifically for this purpose?
- (2) If yes, why and how much scheme water has been used each month for the last year?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

- (1) The Western Australian College of Agriculture – Denmark does not have a dam specifically provided for the purpose of servicing its dairy. Scheme water has always been used for wash-down and clean-up in the current dairy facility, as water quality is a very important health consideration in this area of operations. Most water for livestock is provided by a mix of dams and river water, however, a number of water troughs in smaller paddocks and yards use scheme water.
- (2) Farm enterprises do not have an individually metered water supply, as there is currently only one main water meter at the College. The average monthly total water consumption at the College in 2015 (including farm enterprises, residential boarding facilities and staff houses) was 1,264 kilolitres (\$8,753).