

ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE SCHEME

792. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Water:

I have a supplementary question. I support getting that money straight out. I am asking the minister whether he will commit, with the government's \$1.2 billion surplus, to matching the federal funding for the next phase of the program. He has been asking us to talk to our federal ministers. We have talked to them, and they have come back with this scenario. Will the minister commit to it?

Mr D.J. KELLY replied:

As I said to the member, as soon as I got that letter from Minister Pitt, I responded within a couple of days. I put to him what I think is a very reasonable proposition for matching funding. I would value the member's support of that. Let us get that money out the door rather than mess around with revising criteria and waiting until the end of October. Let us just get that money out the door. I look forward to the member for Roe's support for that proposal rather than it being delayed any further.