

WATER REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES

675. Hon JIM SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for State Development:

Will the minister inform the House what quantities of water will be required for the operation of the following facilities -

- (a) the Compact Steel facility - that was supposed to be referred to in the copy of the question as the HIsmelt steel facility, so the parliamentary secretary might need to leave that one out;
- (b) the expansion of production at Worsley Alumina facility;
- (c) the expansion of production at Alcoa Wagerup; and
- (d) the expansion of Alcoa Pinjarra?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. Providing an answer in the time required is not possible and the Minister for State Development -

Hon Jim Scott: I asked it two days ago.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Does that conclude the answer, parliamentary secretary?

Hon KEN TRAVERS: The Minister for State Development requests that the member place the question on notice.

It is worth pointing out to the member that when notice of a question is given, whether a day ago or whatever, the answer is provided as of that day. If the member wants the answer to be provided in two or three days, he should put it on notice. The member will note that the overwhelming majority of answers are provided within nine sitting days, unlike in the past.