

**Estimates Committee 2015**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Date: 28/05/2015

Output: Land Resource  
Management

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Subject: Water Resources

**From:** Mr Gerry McCarthy to Hon Willem Westra Van Holthe  
Land Resource Management

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**Question:** What current percentage of the Ooloo, Katherine and Mataranka water resources are dedicated to growing tree crops compared to food crops?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 16/06/2015

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

**Date:** 28 May 2015 **Output:** 5.3 Water Resources

**Subject:** Water Resources

**From:** Hon. Gerry McCarthy MLA

**To:** Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA

**Agency:** Department of Land Resource Management

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**Number:** 4.10

**Question:** What current percentage of the Ooloo, Katherine and Mataranka water resources are dedicated to growing tree crops compared to food crops?

**Answer:** The percentage calculated for tree crops (farm forestry) is derived from information submitted at the time of application for a water extraction licences. Changes in crop use post approval are not required to be notified to the Department of Land Resource Management. The percentage is derived from the volume (ML/year) proposed for farm forestry of the total volume allocated through water extraction licences within each aquifer.

Aquifer	Total volume licenced ML/Year	Volume proposed for farm forestry use ML/Year	% of total volume licenced
Tindall Limestone Aquifer Katherine	35,293	1,814	5%
Tindall Limestone Aquifer Mataranka	25,400	0	0%
Ooloo Dolostone Aquifer, Daly River Region	65,970	25,275	38%

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